THE

ROYAL ALBERT INSTITUTION,

LANCASTER:

FOR THE FEEBLE-MINDED

OF

LANCASHIRE, YORKSHIRE, CHESHIRE, WESTMORLAND, CUMBERLAND, DURHAM AND NORTHUMBERLAND.

SIXTY-FIRST

ANNUAL REPORT.

God help the Imbecile ! more dark their lot
Than dumb or deaf, the cripple or the blind :
The closed soul-vision theirs, the blighted mind ;
Babes though full-grown ; the page of life a blot.

Yet say, shall their affliction be abhorred ?
Their need o'erlooked ? Shall Charity pass by—
Leave them to perish—with averted eye ?
Forbid, the love that burns to serve her Lord !

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NOVEMBER, 1925.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I BEQUEATH TO THE ROYAL ALBERT INSTITUTION AT LANCASTER the sum of free of duty, to be applicable for the purposes of such Institution, and I declare that the receipt of the TREASURER or other proper officer for the time being of such Institution shall be a sufficient discharge for the same.

I devise my [describe the property fully] free of duty, unto the Royal Albert Institution at Lancaster, for all my estate and interest therein, the same to be for the absolute use and benefit of the said Institution and applicable for the purposes thereof.*

* *Formerly a Testator could give only money to a Charitable Institution, but now he can give real estate (that is land, houses and other buildings, and chief rents) as well as money to such an Institution.*

VOTING REGULATIONS.

Each County shares in the benefits of the Institution in proportion to the amount of its contributions, and the CENTRAL COMMITTEE most earnestly APPEAL for DONATIONS and SUBSCRIPTIONS, in order that full advantage may be taken of the accommodation, which has now been increased to 800 beds.

Free patients are periodically elected by the votes of contributors, and are received for seven years or more, subject to the rules and regulations of the Institution. Suitable cases are eligible for re-election for a further period.

At every election to fill vacancies for their respective Counties, Donors and Subscribers are entitled to one life-vote for every five guineas given in donations, and to an annual vote for each half-guinea subscribed annually by them to the funds of the Institution. For higher sums the votes increase in the same proportion. Smaller amounts are gratefully received.

Every Secretary of a County or Local Committee, and every Secretary, Treasurer or District Receiver of a Ladies' Association, receives two votes for services in such capacity; and each Collector of not less than 10s. 6d. per annum is entitled to one vote for collecting, and to an additional vote for every £2 12s. 6d. collected annually in subscriptions and donations.

Collecting books may be had on application to the Secretary. Annual subscriptions are renewable on the first day of January or July, and continue until their cessation is notified. Legacies are invested for the permanent benefit of the Institution.

Cheques and Money Orders should be made payable to the Secretary, Mr. Samuel Keir, The Royal Albert Institution, Lancaster; or to the General Treasurers, District Bank Limited, LANCASTER. Early intimation of money paid into Local Banks should be sent to Mr. Keir, in order that the usual official acknowledgment may promptly be made.

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The Royal Albert Institution and the Derby Home

PROSPECTUS.

THE ROYAL ALBERT INSTITUTION was established in 1864 for the care, education and training of the improvable feeble-minded of all classes belonging to the Seven Northern Counties—Lancashire, Yorkshire, Cheshire, Westmorland, Cumberland, Durham and Northumberland. It was erected and is supported by voluntary contributions, and patients are admitted both FREE BY ELECTION and also, WITHOUT ELECTION, AT RATES VARYING FROM 40 TO 250 GUINEAS PER ANNUM. Votes are allotted to subscribers and donors according to the amount contributed, and there are always many election applicants. SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION IS RESERVED FOR PRIVATE PATIENTS BOTH AT BRUNTON HOUSE AND IN THE MAIN BUILDINGS.

The Institution is situated about a mile from Lancaster; and the estate upon which it is erected consists of 277 acres of excellent land in a charming and salubrious situation, commanding fine views of Morecambe Bay and the mountains of the Lake District. Accommodation has been provided for about 800 inmates, and the arrangements comprise every convenience for the specific treatment of the feeble-minded. The system of training is designed to secure, by special means, the physical, mental and moral improvement of the patients.

Besides the school instruction, training is given in a great variety of useful occupations. The boys are taught tailoring, shoemaking, basketmaking, brushmaking, matmaking, joinery and cabinetmaking, woodcarving, toymaking, printing, bookbinding, tinsmithing, weaving, cordmaking and baking; and there are excellent means of outdoor employment and training in farm and garden work. The girls are trained in knitting, sewing, lacemaking, hatmaking, cooking and other household occupations, and in toymaking and laundry work.

The results of training are shown by the following statistics: Since the opening of the Institution in December, 1870, 4,286 patients have been admitted, many of whom have been considerably improved, some 10 per cent. having become practically self-supporting under friendly supervision. Scarcely any case leaves the Institution altogether unimproved.

Epileptic, Paralytic, Tuberculous and Insane Persons are *not* eligible for admission; nor those who are incurably Hydrocephalic. Blindness or Deafness is also a disqualification.

The following are some of the principal Rules and Regulations:

PATIENTS.—Three classes are admitted:

1. Private patients, admitted at rates varying from 80 to 250 guineas per annum, according to the privileges and accommodation required. There is no maximum age restriction, and no residential qualification is necessary.
2. Patients for whom the full payment cannot be offered, and who belong to one of the seven associated northern counties, are eligible for admission at reduced rates varying from 40 to 80 guineas per annum.
3. Elected patients, between the ages of six and twenty-one at the date of application, whose friends are proved to be unable to meet the lowest payment. They are admitted by the votes of the Subscribers, and are received for seven years or more, suitable cases being eligible for re-election for a further period. They must belong to one of the seven associated northern counties.

APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION.—Applications must be addressed to the Secretary, from whom all necessary information may be obtained. The Central Committee will institute inquiries to ascertain whether there is a reasonable probability of benefit from the treatment adopted in the Institution, and to enable them to decide the terms on which the candidate ought to be admitted.

MODE OF ELECTING PATIENTS.—Subscribers have the option of voting directly by means of voting papers, or of transferring their votes to their respective Local or County Committees. Canvassing for votes is prohibited.

VOTES.—Donors of five guineas have a life-vote, and Annual Subscribers of half a guinea an annual vote, for each vacancy due to their respective Counties. The right of voting, as regards higher sums, increases in the same proportion.

PERPETUATION OF VOTES.—At the death of a Donor, a vote for every ten guineas of his gift is vested in perpetuity in the Committee of the County to which the gift was originally made; and Legacies confer the same privilege. This voting power is never to exceed one-fourth of the entire voting power belonging to the Donors and Subscribers in the County.

GOVERNMENT.—The government of the Institution is confided to:

(*a*) A Central Committee, which consists of representatives from each of the Local Committees, in addition to fifteen Subscribers resident in the neighbourhood of Lancaster, elected at each Annual General Meeting.

(*b*) County Committees constituted by the members of the Central Committee forming themselves into Sub-Committees for promoting, in their respective Counties, the interests of the Institution.

(*c*) Local Committees formed for the purpose of obtaining funds and generally promoting the interests of the Institution. Every Local Committee is entitled to send one representative to the Central Committee, and also an additional representative for each entire thousand guineas in donations after the first thousand guineas, and for each entire fifty guineas in annual subscriptions after the first fifty guineas, contributed in that district.

The number of patients *elected* by each County is regulated by the amount of its contributions, and 2,276 of the 4,286 cases so far admitted have been sent in this way by the Subscribers. Many others have been received at reduced rates of payment. Of the 798 inmates now in the Institution, 308 belong to Yorkshire, 207 to Lancashire, 104 to Cheshire, 85 to Durham, 35 to Cumberland, 18 to Northumberland and 15 to Westmorland. Twenty-six payment cases belong to Counties not included in the Institution district.

The OBJECT, being one of broad Christian philanthropy, CHALLENGES THE SYMPATHY OF ALL CLASSES, and the Committee confidently appeal for help to rescue the feeble-minded from physical deterioration and mental and moral darkness. The applications for admission are both numerous and urgent. The Central Committee, therefore, while gratefully acknowledging the generous support which they have received in the past, earnestly APPEAL FOR ADDITIONAL DONATIONS AND ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS. Legacies are invested for the permanent benefit of the Institution.

DONORS OF FIVE HUNDRED GUINEAS ARE ENTITLED TO NAME AN ENDOWED BED, WHICH WILL BE DISTINGUISHED BY A BRASS TABLET.

Reports, regulations, application forms and other information will be gladly supplied by the Secretary, Mr. Samuel Keir, The Royal Albert Institution, Lancaster.

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November, 1925.

SAMUEL KEIR, *Secretary.*

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Treasurer: JACOB WAKEFIELD, Esq., Sedgwick House, Kendal.

York.

President: The Hon. HYLDA DE YARBURGH BATESON, The Lodge, Heslington.
Hon. Secretary: Mrs. H. N. GOODE, 39, Bootham, York.
Treasurer: Sir WILFRID THOMSON, Nunthorpe, York.

MEDALS AWARDED IN 1925 FOR LONG SERVICE.

GOLD MEDALS.

Frank Bullock, Attendant ...	1908
Harry Wild, Printer ...	1908

SILVER MEDALS.

Orlando Meadows, Attendant ...	1912
John Joseph Taylor, Dynamo Man ...	1912
Robert Bland, Labourer ...	1913
Miss Mary Hartley, Nurse-Matron ...	1913

BRONZE MEDALS.

Robert Bowker, Attendant ...	1918
Mrs. Annie Elizabeth Barnes, Nurse ...	1918
George Perkin, Deputy Chief Attendant ...	1918
Thomas Walker, Garden Attendant ...	1918
Miss Alice Mount, Teacher ...	1918
Miss Alice Connor, Nurse ...	1918
Miss Nora Wilson, Nurse ...	1918
Miss Dorothy Metcalf, Nurse ...	1918

ANNUAL ELECTION OF PATIENTS.

An election of forty patients was held at the Institution on Friday, May 29th, 1925. There were no unsuccessful candidates, the whole of the following applicants being elected. One of the Lancashire candidates died during the election, and his name has consequently been omitted:

LANCASHIRE.—John Hargreaves Briggs, Blackburn, 3,271; George William Laycock, Barrowford, 3,271; Frederick Francis Longley, Manchester, 3271; Maude Margaret Parkinson, Warrington, 3,271; Tom Rutherford, Manchester, 3,271; Vere Smith, Rochdale, 3,271; James Ernest Sudworth, Ashton-in-Makerfield, 3,271; John Swindlehurst, Padiham; 3,271; Walter James Pryce, Bootle, Liverpool, 3,077; Arthur William Richardson, Liverpool, 3,077; Daisy Beatrice Margaret Byram, Carnforth, 2,893; Cyril Darby, Barrow, 2,893; Roger Hall, Ashton-on-Ribble, 2,893; Margaret Herdman, Barrow, 2,893; Isabel Innerd, Barrow, 2893; William Gates Lupton, Carnforth, 2,893; John Henry Phizacklea, Graythwaite, 2,893; Mary Tague, Lancaster, 2,893.

YORKSHIRE.—Norman Sydney Stephenson, Drighlington, 1679; Maurice Corboy, Luddenden, 1,649; Herbert Scott, Sowerby Bridge, 1,649; Arthur Redvers Spencer, Elland, 1,649; Mavis Annie Beard, Castleford, 1,569; Hugh Geoffrey Partridge, Sheffield, 1,520.

CHESHIRE.—Nellie Robina Eakins, Crewe, 166; Florence Isabella Foster, Birkenhead, 166; Peter Gartland, Lower Tranmere, 166; Thomas Alexander Kehoe, Birkenhead, 166; Alfred Victor Nixon, Oxton, 166; Frank Sanders, Oxton, 166; John Watmough, Alderley Edge, 166

WESTMORLAND.—Frances Helen Anderson, Levens, 66; William Redhead Harrison, Patterdale, 66.

CUMBERLAND.—Ellen Brocklebank, Millom, 88; Lilian Brooker Lindsay, Cockermouth, 88; Geoffrey Walker, Carlisle, 88.

DURHAM.—Frederick Furness, New Seaham, 139; Frederick Lambton, Craghead, 139.

NORTHUMBERLAND.—Joseph Percival Hitchen, Newcastle, 98.

SAMUEL KEIR, *Secretary.*

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT ROCHDALE.

October 23rd, 1925.

The annual general meeting of members and subscribers was held in the Council Chamber at the Rochdale Town Hall on Friday, October 23rd, 1925, in compliance with Article 12, the Right Hon. Lord Richard Cavendish, P.C., C.B., C.M.G. (Chairman of the Central Committee), presiding.

The minutes of the annual general meeting of members of the Royal Albert Institution, held at Leeds on October 17th, 1924, were passed and signed.

The proceedings were briefly opened by Lord Richard Cavendish, and the following resolutions were then carried unanimously:

1.—That the Sixty-first Annual Report, with the Annual Accounts, be approved and adopted, and the Central Committee's appeal for continued generous support cordially endorsed.

Moved by the Chairman, and seconded by Ald. Briggs, D.L., Lancaster (Chairman of the Finance Committee).

2.—That the Lancaster members of the Central Committee be heartily thanked for their valuable services, and that the following gentlemen be appointed as Lancaster members for the coming year:

The Right Hon. Lord Richard Frederick Cavendish, P.C., C.B., C.M.G.

George James Booth, Esq.
William Briggs, Esq.
Gerald Garnett, Esq.
Sir Norval Watson Helme.
Thomas Wilson Helme, Esq.
Rev. Charles Cradock Twemlow Royds.
Charles Frederick Seward, Esq.
Richard Smith, Esq.
Herbert Lushington Storey, Esq., D.L.
James Travis Travis-Clegg, Esq., D.L.
John Welch, Esq.
William Gibbins Welch, Esq.

Moved by Mr. Harold Carr, Carlisle, and seconded by Councillor J. Caladine (Chairman of the Rochdale Board of Guardians).

3.—That the 1926 election of patients be left to the Central Committee, who are hereby authorised, on behalf of the voting subscribers and donors and the County Committees, to elect such candidates as they may deem advisable.

Moved by the Chairman, and seconded by Mr. H. Travis Clay (Vice-Chairman of the Halifax Committee).

4.—That, in compliance with Article 56, Mr. A. B. S. Welch be appointed Auditor for the ensuing year.

Moved by the Chairman, and seconded by Mr. C. F. Clark (Hon. Secretary of the Leeds Committee).

5.—That, in pursuance of Article 12, the next general meeting be held at Chester during September or October, 1926, unless the Central Committee deem it advisable to appoint some other place or time.

Moved by the Chairman, and seconded by Mr. A. B. S. Welch, Lancaster.

PUBLIC MEETING AT ROCHDALE.

October 23rd, 1925.

The annual general meeting was followed immediately by a public meeting, over which the Worshipful the Mayor of Rochdale (Ald. E. Thomas) presided.

Specimens of the patients' work were on sale and exhibition, and these aroused great interest. Amongst those present were the Right Hon. Lord Richard Cavendish, P.C., C.B., C.M.G. (Chairman of the Central Committee), Miss H. C. Brierley, Ald. William Briggs, Councillor J. Caladine, Mr. Harold Carr, Mr. C. F. Clark, Mr. H. Travis Clay, Councillor Wm. Crossley, Mrs. Wm. Davidson, Ald. J. R. Heape, Mrs. J. R. Heape, Sir Norval W. Helme, Mr. R. A. Leach, Ven. Archdeacon Sale, Mr. Samuel Turner, Mr. A. B. S. Welch, Dr. Coupland (Medical Superintendent), Mr. S. Keir (Secretary), and many others.

Apologies for absence were received from Ald. C. F. Tetley and Mr. G. D. Killey (Vice-Chairmen of the Central Committee), Right Hon. Lord Cawley, Mr. W. T. Kelly, M.P., Ald. J. Blomley, Mr. J. J. Cockshott, O.B.E., Ald. W. Davidson, Mr. E. C. Harvey, Prof. G. R. Murray, Ald. J. Rodley, Councillor H. Wycherley and others.

In his address as Chairman, the Mayor said that the great Institution in which they were interested was worthy of the most generous support, and he was glad to know that Rochdale had for so many years past done its part in that respect.

Lord Richard Cavendish, in reviewing the progress and needs of the Institution, said that the Central Committee had pleasure in revisiting their Rochdale friends after an interval of fourteen years. The need for Institutional treatment such as the Royal Albert afforded had been increased by Government enactments, with the result that at the present time they had a long waiting list containing the names of a number of approved applicants who could be received only as vacancies became available. He wished to emphasise the charitable nature of the Institution. The Royal Albert still rested upon a voluntary basis, so that unless charitable support was maintained its work must necessarily suffer. Subscribers must remember that the Royal Albert was not merely an Institution for the care and maintenance of the inmates, but that they tried to do a great deal in the way of teaching and training, besides providing useful occupation and suitable amusement. The underlying idea was the improvement of the inmates

and the promotion of their comfort and happiness. Anything subscribed would go to the help of some needy patient, and he wished to say once more how great the need really was. Cases, often of the saddest nature, were continually being discovered, in which the only chance for the child was treatment such as the Royal Albert provided, and they might rest satisfied that there were no limits to the opportunities for the expansion of its work.

The following resolutions were then passed unanimously:

1.—That this meeting hears with gratification of the Royal Albert Institution's long and successful record of useful service, and trusts that its efforts to promote the welfare and happiness of the feeble-minded may continue to enlist the sympathy and support of the seven northern counties.

Moved by Ald. J. R. Heape, Rochdale, seconded by Mr. Samuel Turner, Rochdale, and supported by the Ven. Archdeacon Sale, Vicar of Rochdale.

2.—That the Collectors and Honorary Officers of the Rochdale Association and of the other Ladies' Associations established in aid of the Institution be cordially thanked for their valuable assistance and congratulated upon their continued success.

Moved by Councillor Wm. Crossley, Rochdale, and seconded by Sir Norval W. Helme, Lancaster.

3.—That the services of the Chairman and members of the Rochdale Committee be very gratefully recognised, and that they be invited to continue their assistance and empowered to add to their number.

Moved by Mr. Harold Carr, Carlisle, and seconded by Mr. H. Travis Clay, Brighouse.

Upon the motion of Mr. R. A. Leach and Dr. Coupland, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Lord Richard Cavendish and the other speakers, and also to Ald. J. R. Heape for his services and hospitality; the proceedings terminating with a vote of thanks to the Mayor for presiding and for the use of the rooms, proposed by Lord Richard Cavendish and seconded by Mr. S. Keir.

SAMUEL KEIR, *Secretary.*

A Seaside Picnic

Sports Day: Sack Race

REPORT

Presented to the Annual General Meeting

at Rochdale,

Friday, October 23rd, 1925.

THE Central Committee, in submitting to the members of the Royal Albert Institution their Sixty-first Annual Report, feel that it contains a record of progress and successful endeavour which will be received with satisfaction by their friends and supporters.

Rochdale

The invitation to hold this year's general meeting at Rochdale was accepted by the Central Committee with the greater pleasure because it not only gives them the opportunity of meeting their local helpers and colleagues after an interval of fifteen years but also enables them once more to recognise very gratefully the generous support received from the Rochdale district from the date when the Institution was first established. The public meeting in the Rochdale Town Hall on the 11th of October, 1910, was notable because the Right Hon. Lord Richard Cavendish then made his first public appearance as Chairman of the Central Committee after his appointment in succession to the late Lord Lathom. Since 1910 the late Col. Royds has been succeeded in the Chairmanship of the Rochdale Committee by Ald. J. R. Heape, who has served on the Central Committee as a Rochdale representative for the long term of 29 years. Ald. Heape has recently secured the help of Mr. Samuel Turner as his Vice-Chairman. Mr. R. A. Leach still holds the Hon. Secretaryship, after 30 years' service in that capacity; whilst the Treasurer (Counc. Wm. Crossley) has shown his practical interest in the work by launching a successful appeal for increased local support. The death of Lady Royds, who acted as Treasurer of the Rochdale Ladies' Association from

Ald. J. R. Heape.

Special Appeal

Rochdale Ladies' Association.

its formation in 1886 until 1922, has unfortunately deprived the members of their President. Upon her Ladyship's acceptance of that office three years ago, Miss H. C. Brierley became the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. As a measure of the Central Committee's indebtedness to their lady helpers, it may be mentioned that during the past 39 years the Rochdale Association has collected the handsome aggregate of £3,675.

Annual General Meeting.

Leeds was visited on the occasion of last year's general meeting, which was held in the Town Hall on October 17th under the presidency of Lord Richard Cavendish. At the public meeting which followed immediately afterwards, the chair was taken by the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor (Sir Edwin Airey), supported by Lord Richard Cavendish (Chairman of the Central Committee), Ald. C. F. Tetley and Mr. G. D. Killey (Vice-Chairmen), Mr. C. F. Clark and Miss Mozley (Hon. Local Secretaries), Lady Priestley (President of the Bradford District Ladies' Association), and many other ladies and gentlemen, who showed great interest in the display of articles made by the inmates of the Institution. Ald. Tetley had the pleasure of announcing that his special appeal for increased local support had brought in contributions amounting to over £700. These have been invested in the purchase of Leeds Corporation Stock, improving the income from the district to the extent of £37 10s. annually. In reviewing the past year's work and progress, Lord Richard Cavendish made the following remarks:

Leeds Appeal.

Right Hon. Lord Richard Cavendish.

Before asking anyone to subscribe, he should like to emphasise the charitable nature of the Institution. If they looked at the Report they would see that of the large number of cases treated in the sixty years of the Institution's existence considerably more than half were clearly of a charitable nature, and if it had not been for the generosity of the almsgiving public these patients would never have received treatment at all. It was perfectly true that they did now admit a large number of patients who were paid for by public bodies, but nevertheless the work of the Royal Albert rested essentially upon a charitable basis. They were not merely carrying out work which would otherwise be performed by other public bodies or boards of guardians, but had handed over to them a great charitable Institution which it was their duty to hand on in the same useful state. Before subscribing to such an Institution, any one could properly enquire whether it was efficiently managed and carried out the purposes for which it was intended. From the financial point of view they could be perfectly sure that the Board of Control would not tolerate wasteful, unnecessary or extravagant expenditure, and in the testimony of the Commissioners sent down by the Board they had the crucial test which could be applied to such an Institution. A growing consciousness of the urgent need for attention with regard to their

feeble-minded population had been aroused. There were special schools for the incapable, but there must always be a large number who would require Institutional treatment, and it was in such an Institution as theirs that accommodation might be found. He earnestly asked them all to give generous and continuing support to the Royal Albert, and so help forward the noble work which had been carried on for the last sixty years.

Election of Patients.

For the second successive year, the annual election of patients attracted forty candidates, the result being declared by the Central Committee on the 29th of May. More than half were patients recommended for re-election on the expiration of their previous term; the other eighteen were fresh applicants, whose success brings the number of cases elected by the subscribers to an aggregate of 2,276, or over 53 per cent. of the total number of 4,286 patients so far dealt with. Eighteen of the candidates elected were from Lancashire, seven from Cheshire, six from Yorkshire, three from Cumberland, two each from Westmorland and Durham, and one from Northumberland. There was a further increase in the average number of patients, the figure for the year rising from 801 to 806, but on the 31st of March last the number on the books had temporarily declined to 798, made up of 308 from Yorkshire, 207 from Lancashire, 104 from Cheshire, 85 from Durham, 35 from Cumberland, 18 from Northumberland, 15 from Westmorland, and 26 from other counties outside the associated area.

Charitable Wor

Number of Inmates.

Finances.

Reference to the annual accounts will show that the financial position of the Institution continues to be satisfactory, notwithstanding an increase during the year in the average cost of each inmate. This increase is due to the fact that advances in the prices of some of the more important items of consumption have coincided with heavier expenditure on repairs and renovations held over during recent years which could no longer be delayed. A further sum of £3,375 has been spent on the Cavendish Reception House, in addition to £842 on the new Open-air School. Both these buildings are now in occupation, and are proving very useful adjuncts.

Legacies.

Legacies, which have amounted to £2,017, again form the principal item of the receipts on Sustentation Fund Account, but this year they are closely followed by donations. These amount to £1,731, and include the gifts of £1,000 from the Trustees of the late Col. Mellor (Manchester) and £525

Donations.

from Mr. W. G. Welch (Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee) mentioned in the previous Report. The engraved brasses in the Entrance Hall, giving particulars of legacies and donations, have during the year been renovated. The brasses contain a record of benefactions from the foundation of the Institution, including a list of seventeen named beds endowed by donors of five hundred guineas. Besides the donations mentioned, the Committee acknowledge most gratefully the following legacies, received during the past financial year :

Endowed Beds.

Mrs. Mary Clayton, Ulverston	£1,847 2 6
Thomas Radcliffe, Blackburn (additional, making £2,630 8s. 0d.).....	£170 8 0

Voluntary Income.

Appended is an analysis giving the amount received during the year in subscriptions, legacies and donations from each of the associated counties. This shows a gratifying increase in the receipts from charitable sources, mainly due to the liberality of generous donors. Legacies and donations are naturally subject to fluctuations, but a slight increase in the income from annual subscriptions will be noted with satisfaction :

Counties.	Maintenance Account.		Sustentation Fund Account.		Total.
	Annual Subscriptions.	Donations.	Legacies.	Donations.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Lancashire	1689 11 0	37 17 0	2017 10 6	1525 0 0	5269 18 6
Yorkshire	1002 2 9	54 13 6	... ...	206 4 0	1263 0 3
Cheshire	336 5 6	13 7 0	... ...	... ...	349 12 6
Durham	291 0 11	... ...	... ...	... ...	291 0 11
Cumberland	193 17 11	5 5 0	... ...	... ...	199 2 11
Northumberland	185 17 6	... ...	... ...	... ...	185 17 6
Westmorland	161 16 6	5 5 0	... ...	... ...	167 1 6
	3860 12 1	116 7 6	2017 10 6	1731 4 0	7725 14 1

Acknowledgments.

Again the Central Committee have the grateful privilege of thanking most cordially not only the Hon. Officers and Collectors of the various Ladies' Associations but also the Hon. Officers of the County and Local Committees, who render valuable assistance in connection with the meetings held periodically in their respective districts. The Committee particularly desire to acknowledge the hospitality offered on these occasions during the past year by Ald. C. F. Tetley (Chairman of the Yorkshire and Leeds Committees), Ald. E. Thomas (Mayor of Rochdale), Dr. G. Reinhardt Anderson, M.B.E. (Mayor of Southport), Mr. J. J. Cockshott, O.B.E.

(Chairman of the Southport Committee), Mr. J. E. Willans (Chairman of the Huddersfield Committee), Col. F. Haworth, D.L., O.B.E. (Chairman of the Westmorland Committee), and Mr. Edward Moser (Hon. Secretary), Mr. C. W. Allan Hodgson (Treasurer of the Cumberland Ladies' Association) and Mr. Harold Carr (Carlisle), and Miss Mozley (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Leeds Ladies' Association). They are also very grateful to the newspapers of the northern counties, which continue to draw attention to the work and needs of the Institution; as well as to the Rev. H. G. Croft (Chaplain of Sedgefield Asylum), Rev. H. B. Edwards (Lancaster), Rev. H. L. Hornby (St. Michael-on-Wyre), Rev. J. T. Lawton (Leigh) and the Rev. W. B. Sherwen (Dean), by whom collections in aid of the Royal Albert are regularly promoted. Especially are the Committee indebted to their Hon. Solicitors (Messrs. Gibson & Sturton), whose services are frequently called upon and very willingly rendered.

Press Support.

Pulpit Advocac

Hon. Solicitors

The daily responsibilities connected with the health, training and happiness of 800 patients are no light burden, and the Committee feel that a liberal measure of thanks is due to their Medical Superintendent, Dr. Coupland, to whose services during many years the efficiency and good progress of the work are largely due. They also recognise the efficient help given by the Senior Assistant Medical Officer, Dr. C. J. Henderson, and his colleague, Dr. H. J. Appleyard, as well as by the Matron, Miss Siviour, and the other officials.

Medical Superintendent

Assistant Medical Office and Staff.

The Committee are also grateful to their energetic Secretary, Mr. Keir, and the members of his staff. After 45 years of excellent service, their Accountant, Mr. E. B. Shaw, is retiring, and their good wishes are given to him for his coming years of leisure.

Secretary and Office Staff.

Accountant.

This prolonged period of trade depression has been severely felt in the industrial centres of the northern counties, and has added greatly to the difficulties of the Honorary Collectors attached to the several Ladies' Associations, so that an increase of over £23 in the amount of the annual collection, bringing the total for the past year to £2,633, forms a striking testimonial to their courage and enthusiasm. These organisations, which number nearly forty, have all been modelled upon the one established at Durham in 1875, so that in this fiftieth anniversary year the Committee have particular pleasure in recording the fact that during the past half-century their lady

Ladies' Associations.

Aggregate Collection.

helpers have collected more than £115,000 in furtherance of the Institution's work. This splendid aggregate includes over £20,000 obtained by the members of the Manchester and South Lancashire Association, the Durham Association coming next with a total of nearly £17,000. Details of the past year's collection are given in the following table:

Details of Annual Collection.

	Collection for 1924-25. £	s.	d.
MANCHESTER, SALFORD AND SOUTH LANCASHIRE:			
Manchester and Salford	290	7	8
Rochdale Branch	75	9	6
Bury Branch	61	0	0
Burnley Branch	34	14	3
Bolton Branch	26	1	6
Warrington Branch	24	13	6
Wigan, Ashton and Leigh	20	14	6
Oldham Branch	20	5	0
	553	5	11
CHESHIRE	326	6	5
DURHAM	267	9	11
HALIFAX	244	11	4
CUMBERLAND	179	14	5
NORTHUMBERLAND and NEWCASTLE	147	1	0
WESTMORLAND	146	12	0
BRADFORD	143	5	6
LIVERPOOL	139	3	4
HUDDERSFIELD	120	5	11
SOUTHPORT	87	15	2
LEEDS	72	18	6
LANCASTER	46	4	6
NORTH LONSDALE	35	17	6
SHEFFIELD and SOUTH YORKSHIRE	34	15	6
YORK, THIRSK and N. and E. RIDINGS	32	5	0
PRESTON	30	18	6
BLACKBURN	24	16	6
	2633	6	11

Individual Aggregates.

Amongst these voluntary workers are many ladies and two or three gentlemen who have collected for long periods and secured exceptionally large amounts. This select list is headed by Lady Priestley (President of the Bradford and Craven District Association) with a total of £1,984 obtained during the past forty years. Her aggregate has since been increased to over £2,000 by the addition of the current year's collection. Particulars of other large collections were given in last year's Report. Of those then mentioned, death has since deprived the Institution of the very valuable services of Mrs. T. A. Duncan (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the

Deaths.

Bradford and Craven District Association), whose total of £868, obtained since 1885, includes last year's collection of nearly £55; and also of Mr. S. Mortimer (Cleckheaton), who has during the past sixteen years collected an aggregate of £593. Removal to other districts has caused the retirement of other successful collectors, amongst them being Mrs. A. R. Crossley (Hebden Bridge), whose final collection of £18 credits the family with an aggregate of £713; Miss Sheila Macfie (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Cheshire Association), whose collection of £32 brings her aggregate to £258; and Miss Taylor Smith (West Hartlepool), whose total of £223 includes £32 obtained last year and £27 this year. A review of the past year's collection (omitting any amounts already mentioned) shows that the leading place is again taken by Mrs. Lister Brook, whose total of £87 worthily upholds the Brighouse tradition. Mrs. J. C. Ellison (Liverpool) follows with £65; and Miss Thomson (Huddersfield) comes next with £55. Miss Annandale (Lancaster), Mrs. J. A. Ingham (Todmorden), Lady Paton (Southport) and Miss K. Laing (Newcastle) have each collected over £30; from £20 to £30 each has been obtained by Miss Mann (Windermere), Mrs. Ramsay (Blackburn), Mrs. P. H. Leigh (Worsley), Mrs. H. Harvey (Bowdon), Mrs. Pilkington Turner (Withington), Miss Cameron Mawson (Gateshead) and Mrs. Crossley Wright (Halifax); and from £15 to £20 each by Mrs. Anthony Wilson (Keswick), Miss Pownall (Neston), Mrs. Grimes (Seaham Harbour), Mrs. Shafto, O.B.E. (Durham), Miss Webb (Bury), Mrs. Scott (Monkseaton), Mrs. Walker (Carlisle), Miss Walton (Burnley), Mrs. Grommé (Manchester), Miss Crook (Bolton), Miss Cheetham (Middleton) and Mrs. Eliot Cohen (Liverpool). With over four hundred Hon. Officers and Collectors, more detailed acknowledgment is hardly possible, but all may rest assured that their assistance is most gratefully appreciated.

Resignations.

Individual Collections.

Apart from the deaths already mentioned, the Committee have during the year had to deplore the loss of other earnest workers and supporters. Amongst them are Mr. J. Selwyn Rawson, Chairman of the Halifax Committee and for 44 years a Halifax member of the Central Committee; Mr. Isaac H. Storey, who joined the Central Committee 25 years ago and shared the practical interest taken in the affairs of the Institution by his father and other members of the Storey family, particularly with regard to engineering questions; Rev. W. L.

Voluntary Workers.

Deaths.

Appleford, who had served as a Lancaster member for eighteen years, including four years as Chairman of the Farm Committee; Sir Charles Behrens, who last year succeeded the late Sir E. Tootal Broadhurst in the Chairmanship of the Manchester and Salford Committee; Col. J. Sheriff Roberts, D.L., one of the Cheshire representatives; and Mr. T. A. Duncan, who with Mrs. Duncan represented the Bradford and Craven District. The Ladies' Associations have also suffered severely, their losses including Mrs. J. A. Philipson (Newcastle), Mrs. Gordon Scotter (Witherslack), Miss Kerrich-Walker (Chester-le-Street), Miss Nelson (Leeds) and Miss Ireland (Barbon).

Resignations.

Other changes are due to the resignation, for various reasons, of Miss Macfie (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Cheshire Ladies' Association and a Cheshire member of the Central Committee), Mr. Richard Woodhouse (one of the Halifax representatives), Mrs. John Tipton (Hon. Secretary of the Wirral Association) and Mrs. J. Philipson (Treasurer of the Newcastle Association). The Chairman of the York Committee (Very Rev. W. F. Norris, D.D.), who has just been appointed Dean of Westminster, is heartily congratulated upon this preferment. Particulars of further changes are given in the annual Subscription Lists; meanwhile the Committee are glad to have the opportunity of acknowledging most cordially the services rendered by all their retiring helpers.

Appointments.

Fortunately the changes that have to be recorded comprise many fresh appointments. Mr. A. R. Pollit has accepted the Chairmanship and Mr. H. Travis Clay the Vice-Chairmanship of the Halifax Committee; Mrs. E. B. Benson and Mrs. F. Tillotson become President respectively of the Huddersfield Association and the Bolton Association; and other accessions include Mrs. Lionel Garnett as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Cheshire Association, Miss Mead as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Bradford and Craven Association, Miss W. A. Beausire as Hon. Secretary of the Wirral Association, Miss Helen Aitchison as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Newcastle Association, and Mrs. Gilbert Tyson as District Treasurer at Whitehaven. Ladies continue to respond to the call for voluntary helpers, some of the larger collections having recently been taken over by Mrs. Rouse (Cleckheaton), Mrs. G. Pollard (Hebden Bridge), Miss Cathrall (Oldham), Mrs. R. Stuart (Blundellsands), Miss Layton (West Derby), Miss Katherine Clark (Windermere), Miss Batty (Bury), Miss Prestwich (Tarporley), Mrs. Frank Buckley and Miss Collins

New Collector

(Rochdale), Miss Annie Thexton (Burneside), Mrs. R. Blackett (Hexham) and others. Mrs. Lionel Garnett, as a Cheshire representative, has also joined the Central Committee, which has been further strengthened by the appointment of Mrs. Pilkington Turner (Joint Hon. Secretary of the South Lancashire Association) and Mrs. Nichols (Grasmere) as Manchester and Westmorland representatives respectively.

Central Committee.

Several successful appeals made during the year call for grateful recognition. They include a well-attended drawing-room meeting at Southport, convened by Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Cockshott; an American tea at Leeds, promoted by Miss Mozley; whist-drives and other efforts at Carlisle, Ryhope and Otley, respectively organised by Mrs. J. W. Walker, Mrs. Gibson, and the members of the Otley Congregational Mothers' Meeting; and a sale of work at Warrington, under the auspices of Mrs. Aylmer Frost (President of the Warrington Association) and Mrs. Johnson (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer). Mrs. Widdrington has continued her series of garden festivals at Newton Hall, Felton, and the annual flower-days at Crewe have again brought in a good return; whilst a crowded meeting in the Assembly Room during October and a successful concert a few months later testify to the energy and initiative of Miss Barker, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the newly-formed Pontefract Association.

Special Efforts.

The Institution is subject to official inspection not only by the Commissioners of the Board of Control but also by deputations from Boards of Guardians and Local Authorities under the Mental Deficiency Act, who come periodically to see their patients, and the following extracts are selected from a number of appreciative entries made on these occasions:

Official Visits.

The members of the Oldham Board of Guardians found their patients happy and well cared for. The whole place is very interesting, and all that is possible is done for the welfare of the boys and girls under the care of the Medical Superintendent and staff.—*May 28th, 1925.*

We have to-day visited the Institution and interviewed the six patients sent by the Sculcoates Board of Guardians. We found them all in good health, happy and well cared for, and were exceedingly pleased with all we saw and with the kindness and courtesy of the officials.—*July 22nd, 1925.*

Members of the Leeds Board of Guardians visited the Institution this day and saw the twelve patients chargeable. They express their appreciation of all they saw, and are satisfied that the cases are

receiving proper care and attention. They thank Dr. Coupland and staff for the courtesy and attention shown to them. The children on the stage were splendid.—*February 23rd, 1925.*

The undersigned members of the Preston Board of Guardians visited the Institution this day, inspected the patient chargeable to the Board, and were satisfied with the progress he is making. The Medical Superintendent very kindly conducted the deputation through some of the departments of the Institution. The members were much impressed with the arrangements, and with the clever joinery and other work which is taught to and skilfully performed by the patients.—*September 10th, 1925.*

We have seen the patients chargeable to the Bolton Guardians and desire to express our appreciation of the excellent training carried on at this Institution. The methods of development are the outcome of careful consideration. Our patients are well cared for and we are pleased with their general appearance. We were courteously shown over the Institution by Dr. Coupland, and had the pleasure of witnessing an interesting entertainment given by the children.—*September 29th, 1925.*

Letters from Parents.

Parents and relatives often write to say how grateful they are for what the Institution is able to do for its inmates, and the examples here given are selected from many other letters of a similar nature received since the publication of the previous Report:

My wife and I feel exceedingly grateful for all the kindness shown to our late son at the Institution, and we desire in our joint names to make a donation of £20, which we trust your Committee will accept on behalf of the Royal Albert.—*April 4th, 1925.*

We have had our boy at home on a month's leave of absence, and it gives me pleasure to record a great improvement in him. He is cleanly in habits, his health is good, and his physical and mental condition vastly improved. I take this opportunity of thanking the authorities for the great care which has been given him.—*August 31st, 1925.*

I have had my daughter home for a month's holiday, and am very pleased to be able to say we see very great improvement in her. My heart is full of gratitude for all that is being done for her happiness. The cheerful way she came back to the Royal Albert, and the love she has for all the staff, could not fail to convince any one she is happy. Please accept the heartfelt thanks of her grateful mother.—*September 1st, 1925.*

Allow me to express my heartfelt thanks both to your staff and yourself for the services rendered to my daughter during the three years she has been under your care. We have had every courtesy shown to us during the times we have visited her, and prompt attention has been given to our enquiries regarding her. It has been a great help to us to know that she has had every possible attention while she has been away from us.—*March 30th, 1925.*

We are pleased that John is getting on so well. He certainly does the Institution great credit, and as he is trusted with such responsible work it will make him feel more manly. It is clean, good, outside work, and I am pleased he has got it. I do trust he will continue to be trusted; he is bound to make mistakes, but then I hope he will get over them. I do indeed thank you all for your kindness to my boy.—*September 24th, 1925.*

It is again my pleasant duty to express our great satisfaction and pleasure in the progress our daughter has made. We had a very happy day with her on her birthday, finding her in better health mentally and physically than we have previously seen her, and certainly ideally happy. Those of the staff with whom we come in contact know, I feel sure, what our sentiments are, but I shall be glad if you will convey our sincere gratitude to all those others whom we do not see, but who minister so very well and successfully to her comfort, pleasure and well-being. Children cannot disguise their feelings, and the affection the child shows for her mentors and guardians is eloquent testimony indeed to the loving kindness with which she is surrounded. I think no man or woman can ever hope to have a finer certificate of character than the love and confidence of a child, and it is a very deep pleasure and comfort to us to see how our little girl bestows this on those in charge of her. Our best wishes are always yours.—*June 24th, 1925.*

Summary of Aims.

When the Institution attained its majority, forty years ago, the Committee, in the concluding paragraph of their Report, summarised their aims as being "to stoop to the lowest, striving to elevate in the scale of humanity those who otherwise might deteriorate to the level of the brute; to evoke the chords of sympathy and love; to elicit the mind-awakening gleam of thought; to encourage the habitual exercise of a gentle but firm discipline, with its invigorating influences; to render dull, sad lives comparatively bright, self-respecting, useful and even self-supporting"; adding that such work was "no unworthy expression of true Christian philanthropy." Changing conditions have been kept in mind by the Committee, whose future policy must necessarily be framed in relation to them; but they feel they may justly claim, in the words of their predecessors, that it has always been their "conscientious endeavour to realise to the fullest extent the benevolent objects of the Institution"; and not less earnestly do they plead the cause of the defective.

Changing Conditions.

RICHARD F. CAVENDISH,

CHAIRMAN.

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Central Committee of the Royal Albert Institution.

My Lord, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Summary.

I have the honour to present for your consideration my 11th Annual Report. The following summary is tabulated on the usual lines :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
In the Institution, March 31st, 1924 ...	538	270	808
Admitted	38	12	50
Discharged	25	8	33
Died	15	12	27
Aggregate number	576	282	858
Daily average	537	269	806
Maximum number	540	272	812
In the Institution, March 31st, 1925 ...	536	262	798

Death-rate.

The deaths recorded in the table inserted below this paragraph number three times as many as those in my last Report, the total therein, however, being an exceptionally low one. As I stated last year, the mortality fluctuates very much, but if deaths for the last quarter of a century are totalled the average is 2·55 per cent. of the number of patients in residence.

Deaths.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Acute Rheumatism	1	0	1
Influenza	1	0	1
Influenzal Pneumonia	1	6	7
Lobar Pneumonia	0	1	1
Acute Pleurisy	1	0	1
Chronic Pleurisy	2	0	2
General Tuberculosis	3	0	3
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	2	2	4
Tubercular Meningitis	0	1	1
Calcareous Glands	1	0	1
Chronic Adhesive Peritonitis	1	0	1
Chronic Arthritis	0	1	1
Chronic Debility	2	0	2
Mongolian Imbecility	0	1	1
Total	15	12	27

A Merry Christmas Group

Open-air School Classes

The occurrence of much infectious disease has hampered our work very greatly during the period under review, the necessary isolation interfering considerably with the routine of the school and industrial occupations. The number of influenza cases reported to the Board of Control in the weekly return totals 240 patients, with, in addition, 16 indoor staff. The epidemics of this malady between September, 1924, and March, 1925, were of considerable severity, and in many cases pulmonary complications, of very acute onset, followed. The highest number of cases occurred during October, November and January. It has to be stated with regret that, among the fatal cases of influenzal pneumonia, was that of our valued Charge Nurse, Miss Winifred Stears, whose seven years' work at the Institution had made her both respected and popular with staff and patients alike. Those members of the staff who had to undertake the nursing of these numerous and trying cases of influenzal infection should be mentioned as worthy of praise for their assiduous efforts to save the life of their charges. Influenza.

Outbreaks of German measles, measles, chicken-pox and whooping-cough have to be recorded, the latter infection not having occurred at the Institution since 1919. In this connection, I may be allowed to thank Dr. J. D. Buchanan, the local Medical Officer of Health, for his kindness in giving expert advice in doubtful cases of infection. Infectious Disease.

The James Diggens Memorial Home, now used for the segregation of actual and suspected cases of consumption and other forms of the "white plague," has proved a very useful auxiliary. A very extensive case of lupus of the face, which has been under treatment for seven years, has, it is gratifying to record, made considerable improvement during the year. To report this is all the more pleasing as the previous downward progress, in spite of persistent treatment, had somewhat disheartened the staff as to the efficacy of the various applications that had been tried. In connection with the diagnosis of tuberculosis among the patients, I have to thank the local Tuberculosis Officers of the Lancashire County Council for their expert opinions, always so readily accorded to us. Tuberculosis.

The Cavendish Reception House, being within the precincts of the Rodgett Infirmary grounds and under the supervision of the Nurse-Matron of this building, may here be Cavendish Reception House,

mentioned as having already been used for the admission of new cases. When, unfortunately, influenza troubles us again, it will also be a convenient convalescent overflow for the sick wards. Numerous visitors have favourably commented upon the appearance and suitability of this building.

Open-air School.

The Open-air School, designed by the Clerk of Works, which I mentioned in my last Report as being authorised, was finished in February. Directly it was taken into use by the teaching staff, they found it to be very helpful. During the very hot weather in the early part of the summer practically all the upper classes, which usually work in the Upper Winmarleigh Hall, were transferred to this new building, with great comfort and benefit to all concerned.

Schools.

Industries.

As stated before, the school routine had to be carried on during the long-continued infection under much disadvantage, but, in spite of this, progress all round is to be recorded. A fresh industry has been initiated in the Girls' School by the making of ornaments from sealing-wax, a ready sale for these articles having already been obtained. The leather work has made considerable advance in the Senior Boys' School, and the commencement of pewter work has also to be recorded. The efforts of Miss Gresham and her staff have shown that their hearts are in the task of training, and I wish to express my appreciation of their work, supported as it is by the complimentary expressions of various visitors who have inspected the schools during the last year. Among these, we are glad to welcome those teachers in training who visit the Institution when spending a vacation in the district. I also have pleasure in reporting the visit of over fifty members of the North-Western Federation for Maternity and Child Welfare, whose delegates spent an afternoon at the Institution during September. Our methods are freely at the service of any who can spare the time necessary to grasp the detail and principles thereof, and here I might emphasize the value of a personal visit, in order to inspect our daily routine, by those interested in the work of the Institution.

Visitors.

Winmarleigh Hall.

The upper floor of the Winmarleigh Hall, besides meeting the requirements of the higher-grade classes of the Girls' School, provides accommodation for Sunday service. It also makes provision for the winter dances and cinematograph displays, which take place from October to April; the dance

being on Monday, and the "pictures" being shown on the Thursday. On the stage of this Hall are exhibited the children's play-games, action songs and dances that are seen by our numerous visitors and deputations whenever the opportunity allows. Half an hour is well spent in watching one of these displays, as in no other way can those interested in mental defect obtain a first-hand knowledge of the value of these portions of our school programme. Stage Displays.

Tennis, badminton, volley-shuttle and clock-golf for the girls, with cricket and football matches for the male patients, help to bring variety into the daily round. The further use of the wireless apparatus at the main building and the Brunton House branch has made me even more firmly convinced of its utility as a training agent, and I have to thank Dr. Henderson for the generous use of his loud-speaker apparatus for the senior boys. With your approval, wireless has just been installed in the Rodgett Infirmary and the two adjoining buildings, where I am sure it will be greatly appreciated by the inmates. Amusements. Wireless.

During the year, two old members of the staff have resigned after 42 and 36 years' service respectively. Robert Frederick Varey, the Head Gardener, and his wife, closed a long and useful term of service at the beginning of this year, and I wish them both a pleasant and restful retirement in the south. His successor, Jacob Atkinson, has already shown that he is desirous of carrying on the work of his department with quiet, tactful energy. James McWhinnie, who held the office of Surgery-Attendant and other posts in the Institution for 36 years, relinquished his position as a member of the staff in May this year. The members of the medical staff with whom he worked during this long time have always thoroughly appreciated his self-denying labours, and for myself I have to thank him for unfailing loyalty during the 28 years I have had the pleasure of working with him. The late Chief Attendant, Mr. Andrew Yule, who originally came into the Institution service in 1880, has now taken up less onerous duties in the Stores department. During his tenure of office as Chief Attendant, he was very popular with the relatives of the patients owing to his universal kindly and courteous manner. His duties have been taken over by Mr. Walter Hayton, who had previously acted as Chief Attendant's Assistant. The lamented death of Miss Stears created a vacancy in the position Resignations. Staff Changes.

of Charge Nurse, and this has been filled by the appointment of Miss Grace Vickers, whose previous experience of mental defectives in other Institutions has enabled her to give active, willing help to the Assistant Matron.

Acknowledgments.

I have again to thank my two medical colleagues for their useful reliable assistance during a year more than usually trying owing to the amount of serious illness. Such assistance has been given with a helpful courtesy which has been of the greatest value to me. I can commend to other Institutions the combination of medical and dental service in the one person, and Dr. H. J. Appleyard, the Junior Assistant Medical Officer, has shown that he has a grasp of both branches of practice, he having carried out the dual duties during the year to my satisfaction.

To your Lordship and the Committee I owe much gratitude for your continued confidence so freely given when any administrative difficulty has occurred.

Admission Formalities.

In conclusion, it may be of interest if I explain briefly the legal requirements for admission to the Institution. All patients, however sent, are certified under the Mental Deficiency Act, which became the law of the land in 1913, and they are admitted either as "placed" or "order" cases. "Order" cases are those sent by the Mental Deficiency Committees, and occasionally for legal reasons by other persons, and the procedure required in this class, being complicated, need not be further detailed, except to say that two separate medical certificates are necessary. In cases "placed" by Boards of Guardians, admitted by election, or by either full or reduced payment, dual medical certification is also required, but these two forms, together with a statutory declaration, are all that are needed. No parent or guardian can "place" a defective until the two doctors have by the signing of their certificates stated that he or she is either an idiot, an imbecile, a feeble-minded person, or a moral imbecile, the only descriptive terms recognised by the Act. Consequently, the statutory declaration cannot be dated by the father, the usual signatory, until after the doctors have signed their forms—an important legal point and one not always kept in mind.

Certification.

Medical men may also be reminded that if they describe the defective as "feeble-minded" or as a "moral imbecile" their certificate must be countersigned by a special judicial

authority, not every magistrate having the necessary power to act in this manner. After admission, at the end of one year, the Board of Control require a report from the Medical Superintendent respecting each patient, with a separate certificate signed by two Visitors duly appointed by Quarter Sessions. A continuing order of detention is then issued if the Government department in London is satisfied that such is required. Similar procedure is required at the end of the second year, and every fifth year thereafter. Within three months after attaining the age of 21, special re-certification is necessary, notwithstanding that it may have been done by the previous method shortly before, the Visitors having on this occasion the power to order the patient to be discharged.

Re-certification.

Discharge of "placed" cases is possible if the Institution gives a month's notice under Section 12 (3) of the Act to the Board of Control, but only that Board can cancel an "order," unless the Visitors do so when a patient attains the age of twenty-one.

Discharge.

The recent Mental Deficiency Amendment Act has remedied a flaw in the 1913 Act, so that a patient can now be transferred from Institutional care to guardianship; the original Act only making possible the reverse procedure. Until the new Act was passed, a patient under Institutional care had to be discharged, and then re-brought within the provisions of the 1913 Act by taking the expensive and cumbersome proceedings necessary to obtain a new order.

Guardianship.

The above comments are merely an attempt to draw attention to a few points of legal procedure on which there is found to be misapprehension, even among my professional brethren. Finally I may say that as the Institution is not licensed by the Board of Education, cases cannot be sent to us by Education Authorities.

Education Authorities.

I am,

My Lord, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. H. COUPLAND,

October 23rd, 1925. Medical Superintendent.

STATISTICS AS TO PATIENTS.

CONDITION OF PATIENTS discharged during the year.

		Males.	Females.	Total
Much improved	... ...	3	1	4
Moderately improved	*Relieved*	4	2	6
Slightly improved	... ...	7	4	11
Not improved	... ...	11	1	12
Total	... ...	25	8	33

ADMISSIONS DISCHARGES AND DEATHS from December 14th, 1870, to March 31st, 1925.

Admissions		4286
Discharges	2644	
Deaths	844	
In Institution on March 31st, 1925	798	
		4286

RESULTS OF TRAINING of all Discharged Patients.

Much improved	... ...	741	or 28·03	per cent.
Moderately improved	*Relieved*	724	or 27·38	,,
Slightly improved	... ...	637	or 24·09	,,
		2102	or 79·50	,,
Not improved	... ...	542	or 20·50	,,
Total	... ...	2644	or 100·00	,,

AGES OF PATIENTS who have resided in the Institution, and of those who have died, during the fifty-two weeks included in the Medical Superintendent's Annual Report.

AGES.	NO. OF EACH AGE RESIDENT.			NO. OF EACH AGE DECEASED.		
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.
From 5 to 10 years ...	33	11	44	2	1	3
10 ,, 15 ,, ...	108	39	147	1	1	2
15 ,, 20 ,, ...	156	59	215	4	4	8
20 ,, 25 ,, ...	107	68	175	4	2	6
25 ,, 30 ,, ...	70	30	100	1	1	2
30 ,, 35 ,, ...	37	21	58	2	1	3
35 ,, 40 ,, ...	20	18	38	0	1	1
40 and upwards ...	45	36	81	1	1	2
	576	282	858	15	12	27

Action Song: "Up in a Toy Balloon"

Rhythmic Dance: "A Woodland Fantasy"

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

LANCASTER, 2nd SEPTEMBER, 1925.

I have audited the books, accounts and vouchers of the Royal Albert Institution, with the following Statements of Account, and have obtained all the information and explanations I have required. In my opinion such Statements are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Institution's affairs, according to the best of my information and explanations given to me, and as shown by the books of the Institution.

The deeds and certificates representing the Sustentation Fund investments have been exhibited to me and are all in proper order.

A. B. S. WELCH,

Auditor.

ADDITIONAL LEGACIES AND DONATIONS

RECEIVED

SINCE THE 31ST OF MARCH, 1925.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Lye, Rochdale	£1,000	0	0
Mrs. Helen Stewart, West Hartlepool	100	0	0
Mrs. Mary Barnston, Chorlton, Malpas	100	0	0
Nicholas Harrison, Chester (additional, making £237 8s. 9d.)	8	8	9

MAINTENANCE

Dr. *From April 1st*, 1924,

Receipts.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance at Bank, April 1st, 1924		3,749 8 5
Payments for Patients :		
From Local and other Statutory Authorities	29,570 5 9	
From Private Sources	10,708 18 0	
Annual Subscriptions	3,860 12 1	
Donations	116 7 6	
Interest on Sustentation Fund Investments	8,412 17 6	
Income from Joseph Nutter's Gift	17 11 10	
Rent	372 0 0	
Bank Interest...	117 15 3	
		53,176 7 11
Farm and Garden Account :		
Produce sold	1,767 14 7	
Produce supplied to Institution	6,300 16 1	
		8,068 10 8
		£64,994 7 0

Examined and compared with the Books of Account and Vouchers, and certified to be correct.—2nd September, 1925.

A. B. S. WELCH, Lancaster, *Auditor*.

ACCOUNT.

to March 31st, 1925. Cr.

Payments.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Salaries and Wages (including Medical Attendance)	19,626 3 2	
Provisions	11,605 16 7	
Uniforms and Patients' Clothing	2,520 10 2	
Medical Requisites and Drugs	231 6 10	
Furniture and Bedding	1,483 15 6	
Fuel, Lighting and Water	4,669 15 0	
Washing and Cleaning Articles and other Necessaries	529 16 7	
Travelling Expenses and Conveyance and Removal of Patients	356 3 5	
Books, Postage, Printing, Stationery and Advertisements	1,015 17 7	
Rates, Taxes and Insurance	1,209 8 7	
Maintenance and Repairs of Buildings and Machinery	1,594 17 6	
		44,843 10 11
Charges for Land and Buildings:		
Structural Improvements, Additions and Alterations	1,549 6 4	
Transfer to Sinking Fund	250 0 0	
Cavendish Reception House: Sinking Fund Repayment	411 11 0	
Open-air School: Sinking Fund Repayment...	54 16 0	
		2,265 13 4
Transfer to Sustentation Fund on account of Brunton House		5,294 19 9
Transfer to Extensions and Improvements Account		3,000 0 0
Farm and Garden Account:		
Wages	1,283 3 3	
Live Stock purchased	2,028 17 1	
Provender, Seeds and Manure	2,809 3 10	
Other items	505 15 10	
		6,627 0 0
Balance at Bank, March 31st, 1925		2,963 3 0
		£64,994 7 0

Signed on behalf of the Central Committee:

RICHARD F. CAVENDISH, *Chairman.*
W. G. WELCH, *Vice-Chairman.*
SAMUEL KEIR, *Secretary.*

EXTENSIONS AND IM-

Dr. *From April 1st, 1924,*

NOTE.—This Account is intended to meet the cost of the new

Receipts.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance, April 1st, 1924:		
Temporary Loan	17,500 0 0	
Bank	4,111 10 1	
		21,611 10 1
Interest on Loan		744 3 1
Bank Interest		7 4 1
Cavendish Reception House: Second Sinking Fund Repayment		411 11 0
Open-air School: First Sinking Fund Repayment		54 16 0
Transfer from Maintenance Account		3,000 0 0
		£25,829 4 3

Audited and found correct.—2nd September, 1925.

A. B. S. WELCH, Lancaster, *Auditor.*

SUSTENTATION FUND

Dr. *From April 1st, 1924,*

Receipts.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance at Bank, April 1st, 1924	... ...	189 12 0
Legacies	2,017 10 6	
Donations	1,731 4 0	
Life Interest Payments	109 0 0	
		3,857 14 6
Railway Stocks sold:		
£200 Great Western Railway 4 per cent. Debenture Stock	176 9 0	
£100 Birkenhead Railway 4 per cent. Consolidated Stock	81 14 6	
Balance of cost, per Sinking Fund	41 16 6	
		300 0 0
Conversion of Stocks:		
£3,500 South Australian 4 per cent. Stock	70 0 0	
£1,000 New South Wales 3½ per cent. Stock	25 0 0	
		95 0 0
Transfer from Maintenance Account on account of Brunton House		5,294 19 9
		£9,737 6 3

Audited and found correct.—2nd September, 1925.

A. B. S. WELCH, Lancaster, *Auditor.*

PROVEMENTS ACCOUNT.

to March 31st, 1925. Cr.

Buildings for Custodial Cases and of other Additions or Extensions.

Payments.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Cavendish Reception House	3,375 0 0	
Open-air School	842 8 0	
		4,217 8 0
Balance, March 31st, 1925:		
Temporary Loan	20,000 0 0	
Bank	1,611 16 3	
		21,611 16 3
		£25,829 4 3

Signed on behalf of the Central Committee:

RICHARD F. CAVENDISH, *Chairman.*
W. G. WELCH, *Vice-Chairman.*
SAMUEL KEIR, *Secretary.*

ANNUAL ACCOUNT.

to March 31st, 1925. Cr.

Payments.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Investments:		
London and North Eastern Railway:		
£901 4 per cent. Second Guaranteed Stock		746 16 10
£901 4 per cent. First Preference Stock		743 9 3
Great Western Railway:		
£930 5 per cent. Guaranteed Stock...		982 5 3
£135 5 per cent. Preference Stock		139 7 3
Southern Railway:		
£280 5 per cent. Guaranteed Stock		289 10 0
£885 5 per cent. Preference Stock...		909 15 6
Metropolitan Railway:		
£286 3½ per cent. Preference Stock		202 6 0
Leeds Corporation:		
£439 2½ per cent. Stock		243 11 11
Balance, March 31st, 1925:		
Temporary Loan	5,000 0 0	
Bank	480 4 3	
		5,480 4 3
		£9,737 6 3

Signed on behalf of the Central Committee:

RICHARD F. CAVENDISH, *Chairman.*
W. G. WELCH, *Vice-Chairman.*
SAMUEL KEIR, *Secretary.*

SUMMARY OF TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

(including Donations to the General, Maintenance and Sustentation Funds, and current Annual Subscriptions)

FROM DISTRICTS WHERE COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN FORMED AND PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD.

	Donations.			Annual Subscriptions.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
LANCASTER	38189	14	9	191	12	6
LIVERPOOL	13998	8	10	241	9	4
MANCHESTER	12466	8	0	546	19	2
BRADFORD	11899	2	2	290	8	6
PRESTON	9675	19	4	54	0	6
ROCHDALE	8611	7	10	145	19	6
WESTMORLAND	7101	9	0	161	16	6
HALIFAX	6562	12	6	266	8	4
CHESHIRE	6514	0	4	336	5	5
LEEDS	6483	16	6	123	10	0
OLDHAM	6214	7	3	38	2	0
CUMBERLAND	6199	4	11	193	17	11
SHEFFIELD	6062	8	6	66	11	6
YORK	2955	5	4	34	4	6
DURHAM (County)	2883	18	1	291	0	11
NORTH LONSDALE	2691	15	8	63	16	2
BURY	2168	2	2	61	0	0
BOLTON	2101	14	10	94	8	6
NORTHUMBERLAND	2094	13	3	185	17	6
HUDDERSFIELD	1957	1	5	152	5	11
BLACKBURN	1852	16	0	27	19	6
SKIPTON	1508	17	0	1	1	0
SETTLE	1477	12	11	2	2	0
SOUTHPORT	1248	11	0	105	10	2
BURNLEY	1219	14	4	35	15	3
KEIGHLEY	1071	14	7	10	0	0
WAKEFIELD	985	0	7	2	12	6
WARRINGTON	945	15	1	47	18	0
WIGAN	736	8	10	20	13	6
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE	674	13	6	5	5	0
HULL	388	6	8	11	1	0
ROTHERHAM	387	8	6	1	1	0
SCARBOROUGH	379	9	4	4	5	6
ST. HELENS	297	14	6	9	2	0
DONCASTER	184	4	9	5	5	0
PONTEFRACT		—		31	6	0

SAMUEL KEIR, Secretary.

PRESENTS RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR.

Adcock, Mrs., Lancaster, Cards for Patients.
Arundale, Mrs., Colwyn Bay, Clothing for Patients.
Barnes, Miss, Carlisle, Doll and Doll's House.
Barrow, Mrs., Lancaster, Millinery, Silks and Ribbons.
Bentley, Mrs., Lancaster, Clothing and Floor Polish.
Booth, Mrs., Lancaster, Illustrated Papers, Magazines, etc.
Brook, Mrs., Keighley, Materials for Industries and Gloves for Patients.
Brunskill, J. & Son, Kendal, Embroidery, Silks, Beads, Wool Collarettes, etc.
Bryan, Mrs., Upholland, Fruit for Patients.
Bury, Mrs., Morecambe, Clothing for Patients.
Chadderton, Miss A., Lancaster, Picture Books and Clothing for Patients.
Child, Mrs., Lancaster, Clothing for Patients.
Cook, Miss C., Lancaster, Easter Eggs and Clothing for Patients.
Cottle, Miss, Polegate, Eggs for Easter.
Dowler, Mrs., Wallasey, £1 for Patients' Treat.
Eastwood, Mrs., Birkenhead, Materials for Needlework.
Hilton, Mrs., Milnthorpe, Toys, Cards, etc.
Hodgson, Mrs. C. W. Allan, Carlisle, Needlework Materials.
Lamport, Mrs., Lancaster, Lantern Slides.
Lovegrove, Miss, London, Needlework Materials.
Matthews, R. L., Pendleton, Clothing for Patients.
Matthews, Mrs., Colwyn Bay, Clothing for Patients.
McRaith, Mrs., Lancaster, Illustrated Papers.
Naylor, Mrs., Brierfield, Hot Cross Buns, Chocolate and Book for Rodgett Infirmary Patients.
Nicholas, Mrs., Sheffield, 10s. for Patients.
Paulden, T. L., Southport, £5 5s. for Amusement Fund.
Pownall, Miss, Langdale, Clothing for Patients.
Sheen, Mrs., Wallasey, Fruit for Patients.
Shipham, H. G., Leeds, £1 for Sweets.
Somerville, Mrs., Brighouse, Clothing for Patients.
Sykes, Godfrey, & Sons, Huddersfield, Large Parcel of Fents.
Taylor, Mrs., Lancaster, Clothing for Patients.
Westhead, Mrs., Atherton, Materials for Needlework.
Westhead, Mrs., Blackpool, Clothing for Patients.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

Aitken, Dr. James, Lancaster, £3 3s.
Akeroyd, Mrs. A., Birstall, 3s.
Allinson, Mrs., Lancaster, Games and Books.
Ambrose, Capt. and Mrs., Leith, Games.
Anderson, A., Blackburn, 5s.
Anonymous, Garstang, Blotters and Christmas Cards.
Anonymous, Wellington, Christmas Stockings and Sweets.
Anonymous, Lancaster, 10s.
Anonymous, Lancaster, 2s. 6d.
Anonymous, Cake for Patient.
Anonymous, Ties, Caps, Stockings, etc.
Armitage, W., Galgate, 10s.
Armstrong, Mrs. M., Darlington, 6s.
Baker, Mrs., Thorne, Doncaster, 5s.
Barker, P., Dewsbury, £1.
Barrett, Mr. and Mrs., Pendleton, Toys.
Barrow, Misses, Yewgarth, Lancaster, Sweets.
Barrow, Miss S. E., Baldrand, Lancaster, 5s.
Bate & Gorst, Lancaster, Sweets.
Bayley, Mrs. E. S., Lancaster, 2s. 6d.
Belcher, Mrs., Ealing, Games, Dolls, Toys, etc.
Bell, Major F. Burns, Lancaster, 10s.

Berry, Mrs., Barnacre, Garstang, 10s.
Bolton, Miss E. H., Leeming-on-Ullswater, £2.
Bradwell, Mr. and Mrs., Sheffield, 5s.
Briggs, Mrs., Silsden, £5.
Briggs, Wm., D.L., Lancaster, £1.
Brown, Sir Charles, Preston, £1 1s.
Bruce, J. W., Hirst, Ashington, 10s.
Burton, Mrs., Halifax, Chocolate.
Carpenter, A. E., Belton, Doncaster, 10s.
Carter, Mrs., Ashington, 5s.
Cheetham, Mrs. S., Chester, Christmas Cards and 5s.
Clark, C. F., Leeds, £1 1s.
Clark, Mrs. C. F., Leeds, Crackers, Cuffs and Fans.
Clark, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. E., Lancaster, Case of Oranges.
Cock, Mrs. E., Rossall Beach, £1.
Constable, Mrs., Goole, 7s. 6d.
Corscaden, Mrs., Liverpool, 10s. 6d.
Cross, Miss D., Lancaster, Books, Balls, Toys.
Cross, T., & Sons, Lancaster, large Christmas Stocking.
Dakin, W., Blackpool, Slippers and Toys.
Dalton, R. B., Lancaster, Crackers.
Dawson, Mrs. G., Lancaster, Box of Sweets.
Dewhurst, W. Vernon, Lancaster, 5s.
Dilworth, T., Lancaster, Crackers.
Dobson, Miss, Lancaster, Dolls.
Douthwaite, Mrs., Sheffield, £1.
Dowler, Mr. and Mrs. J. F., Wallasey, Clothing for Patients, Parcels of Presents and £2.
Draper, Mrs., Lancaster, 2s. 6d.
Durrant, Mrs. W., Summerseat, 5s.
Edwards, Mrs., Lancaster, 12s. 6d.
Ewan, Mrs., Lancaster, Stockings and Handkerchiefs.
Farnol, R. C., Sanderstead, Surrey, £2 2s.
Ferguson, Dr. J., Lancaster, 10s.
Fielden, Mr. and Mrs. J. A., Higher Crumpsall, Manchester, £2 2s. and 5s.
Field, Mr. and Mrs. J. W., Dewsbury, 2s. 6d.
Fitchett, Mrs., London, £1 1s.
Fitzgerald, Dr. W. A., Chester, £1 1s.
Frost, Miss B., Lancaster, Woollen Scarves.
Gaunt, Joseph, Lancaster, 2s. 6d.
Giles, J. G., Dewsbury, 5s.
Gillott, Miss, Sheffield, 4s.
Greenwood & Whitehead, Lancaster, £1 1s.
Gregson, Mrs., and Miss Taylor, Lancaster, Handkerchiefs, Ribbons, Sweets.
Groom, Miss, Flookburgh, 10s.
Hall, R. T., Bury, Hats.
Halsall, Mrs., Nelson, Christmas Cards.
Harbottle, T., Stockton-on-Tees, 2 Boxes of Oranges and Box of Apples.
Harvey, L. F., Timperley, £2 10s.
Harvey, Mrs., Retford, Apples.
Hawson, Mrs., Ainsdale, £2 for Brunton House Staff Amusement Fund.
Hayhurst, Miss, Lancaster, Cakes.
Herdman, Mrs., Barrow, 10s.
Heywood, Mrs., Lancaster, Games.
Hilton, Mrs., Milnthorpe, Christmas Cards.
Hodgson, Miss E., Lancaster, Dressed Dolls.
Hodgson, J. B., Lancaster, £1.
Hollyhead, Mrs. A., Pontefract, 5s.
Hopkins, Mrs. G. Stowell, Chester, Golliwogs.
Ireland, Mrs. C. A., Arkholme, 3s.
Jackman, J. J., Lancaster, Money Boxes.
Jackson, Ald. George, Mayor of Lancaster, £1 10s.
Jackson, R., Ashton-under-Lyne, 10s.
Jameson, J., Ashton-in-Makerfield, 10s.
Johnson, Miss A., Lancaster, 5s.
Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. F. D., Lancaster, Miniature Railway Complete.
Johnson, Mrs. F. D. and Mrs. E. N., Lancaster, Crackers, Sweets, etc.
Jones, Mrs. J. F., Cheadle Heath, 10s. 6d.
Keen, Mrs., Barrow-in-Furness, Handkerchiefs and 5s.
Kinnear, Mrs., Montrose, £1.
Lamb, T. B., Lancaster, Large Doll's House.
Lambert, Mrs. and Miss, Witherslack, Scrap Book, Apples and Parcels for Patients.
Lancaster District Co-operative Society, Barrel of Apples.
Lawrence, H., Carlisle, £1 1s.
Lawson & Sons, Lancaster, Dolls, Toys, Games, etc.
Lawson, Mr. & Mrs. W., Blackpool, £3.
Marshall, Joseph, Huddersfield, 5s.
Matthews, R. L., Pendleton, Games, Bricks.
McFarlane, Geo., Hamilton, 10s.

Millington, Miss, Lancaster, Annuals and other Books.
Moorhouse, S., Scarborough, 10s.
Murray, Prof. G. R., Manchester, £1 1s.
Naylor, Mrs., Brierfield, Burnley, £1; also Cakes, Books, Chocolate, etc., and 5s. for Rodgett Infirmary Patients.
Nicholas, Mr. and Mrs. W. H., Sheffield, £1; also Collars, Ribbons, Handkerchiefs, and £1 for Rodgett Infirmary Patients.
Nicholson & Co., Lancaster, £1 1s.
Nuttall, Miss, Morecambe, Parcels for Patients.
Parkinson, Misses K. and J., Scotforth, Bags of Sweets.
Parkinson, Mrs. Joseph, Lancaster, 10s.
Paterson, Mrs., Gateshead, Cakes.
Pattinson, Mrs., Warsop, 5s.
Paulden, T. L., Southport, £10 10s.
Perry, Mrs., Southport, £1.
Pickering, Mrs., Irlam, Manchester, 5s.
Priestley, Lady, Bradford, £1 1s.
Pritchard, Mr. and Mrs., Liverpool, Books, Toys, Games, etc.
Procter, J. P., Lancaster, 5s.
Procter, Wm., Lancaster, 5s.
Rawes, Mrs., Sweets, Nuts and 2s. 6d.
Rawlinson, Miss, Lancaster, Toys.
Religious Tract Society, London, Books, Magazines, Calendars, etc.
Richardson, Miss, Lancaster, 5s.
Riley and Cottam, Misses, Lancaster, Toys and Chocolate.
Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. C., Lancaster, Balls.
Robinson, Miss J., Blackpool, Crackers, Sweets, Biscuits.
Roper, Mrs., London, £1 1s.
Russell, Miss, Ashton-on-Mersey, £2.
Sanders, Mrs., Port Sunlight, 10s. 6d.
Saxton, F., Rugby, 5s.
Saxton, W., Retford, 5s.
Seward, C. F., Lancaster, £1.
Sharples, Mrs. T., Prescot, 10s.
Sheen, J. R., Wallasey, Balls, Handkerchiefs, etc.
Sherren, Miss, Lancaster, 5s.
Shuttleworth, Dr., Hampstead, London, Crackers.
Simpson, Misses, Lancaster, Christmas Illustrated Papers, Pictures and 10s.
Simpson, Mrs. W. M., Scotforth, Toys.
Singleton, J. E., K.C., London, £2 2s.
Smith, Richard, Lancaster, £1.
Smith, Mr. and Mrs., Sunderland, 5s.
Smith, Miss M. A. Moore, Sheffield, Scrap Books.
Smiths, T. D., Ltd., Lancaster, Case of Oranges.
Snowball, Miss, Lancaster, Dressed Dolls and Magazines.
Somerville, Dr. and Mrs., Brighouse, Fancy Soaps and £1 1s.
Soulsby, Mrs., Spennymoor, 5s. 6d.
Sowden, Miss, Birkenhead, 10s. 6d.
Stackhouse, Mrs., Montreal, 10s.
Stork, Mrs. C. J. W., Morecambe, 10s. 6d.
Sudworth, J., Ashton-in-Makerfield, 5s.
Sutton, Mrs., Farington, Preston, 5s.
Taylor, Dr. and Mrs. C. Barrie, Marple, Crayons, Books, Pens and £1 1s.
Taylor, Mr. and Mrs., Clitheroe, Cake, Sweets and £1.
Thompson & Morris, Lancaster, £2.
Thompson, Mrs., Blackpool, £1.
Tetley, Col. C. H., Leeds, £1 1s.
Thornburrow, Misses, Lancaster, Cakes.
Thornton, J., Lancaster, Illustrated Papers.
Todd, Misses, Lancaster, Books.
Tomkinson, Mrs., Crewe, £1 1s.
Tonge, Mrs., Leyland, Boxes of Sweets and £2 16s. 6d. (collected).
Toogood, H., Masterton, New Zealand, £5.
Travis-Clegg, J. T., D.L., Bailrigg, £1.
Troughton, H., Lancaster, Fancy Soaps.
Varley, Misses, Lancaster, Books and Christmas Stockings.
Walker, Mrs. J., Lancaster, Crackers, Books, Toys, etc.
Warburton, Miss H., Stockport, 2s.
Ward, Mrs. W. H., Lancaster, Parcels for Patients and 10s.
Webster, Mrs., Bradford, 5s.
Welch, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. S., Lancaster, Barrel of Apples.
Welch, John, Lancaster, 10s.
Welch, W. G., Hampson, Lancaster, £2.
Wells, G. E., Sheffield, Pocket-knives, Needle-cases and £3 3s.
Westhead, Mr. and Mrs., Atherton, Sweets for Patients.
Whitworth, Mrs., Lancaster, 2s. 6d.
Willans, J. E., Huddersfield, £1 1s.
Womersley, Mrs., Halifax, 5s.
Wood, Mrs., Ripon, £1.
Woodhouse, Misses, Scotforth, Toys, Chocolate, Sweets, etc.
Wright, Ald. George, Lancaster, 10s.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS, 1924—25.

	£	s.	d.
Messrs. Storey Brothers & Co., Ltd., Lancaster	52	10	0
Bradford Dyers' Association	50	0	0
Sheffield Town Trustees...	50	0	0
Miss M. P. Barker, 32, Beechwood Avenue, Pontefract:			
Proceeds of Entertainment, October 12th, 1924	20	0	1
,, ,, March 8th, 1925	28	2	0
Miss Mead, East View, Otley:			
Proceeds of special efforts at Otley (1925)	20	7	6
Mrs. Klemt, The Rockwood, Crewe:			
Proceeds of Whist Drive and Dance	15	1	10
Mrs. Widdrington, Newton Hall, Felton, Northumberland:			
Part proceeds of Garden Festival (1925)	15	0	0
Miss Mozley, 5, Holly Bank, Headingley, Leeds:			
Proceeds of American Tea	13	10	0
Mrs. J. W. Walker, Beauville, Edentown:			
Proceeds of Sale of Work	11	9	1
Woolcombers Ltd., Bradford	20	0	0
Liverpool Council of Voluntary Aid (Charities Fund) (1925) ...	12	10	0
Mr. W. W. Galloway, The Willows, Ashton-on-Ribble	10	10	0
Mr. T. L. Paulden, 82, Scarisbrick New Road, Southport... ...	10	10	0
Messrs. J. & N. Phillips & Co., Ltd., 36, Church Street, Manchester	10	10	0
Messrs. Platt Brothers, Oldham	10	10	0
Lady Priestley, Rosemount House, Bradford	10	10	0
United Yeast Co., Ltd., 80, Miller Street, Manchester	10	10	0
Reyner Trust Fund, Liverpool	10	10	0
Messrs. Joshua Tetley & Son, Ltd., Leeds	10	10	0
Colonel C. H. Tetley, Kirkman Bank, Knaresborough	10	0	0
A Friend, Bolton	10	0	0
Brighouse Infirmaries and Hospitals Committee	10	0	0
Trustees of Sir James Reckitt Charity, Hull	10	0	0
Huddersfield Board of Guardians	7	17	6
Mr. Geo. M. Hand, Kino Picture House, Crewe (Collections) ...	7	7	0
Miss E. G. Holt, Sudley, Moss Hill, Liverpool	7	7	0
Mr. J. C. Eckersley, Carlton Manor, Yeadon, Leeds	7	0	0
Mr. G. B. Bainbridge, Espley Hall, Morpeth	5	5	0
The Blainscough Colliery Co., Ltd., Coppull	5	5	0
Messrs. Abm. Brierley & Sons, Rochdale	5	5	0
The Right Hon. Lord Cawley, Berrington Hall, Leominster ...	5	5	0
Messrs. E. Clegg & Son, Shore Mills, Littleborough	5	5	0
Mr. T. Arthur Duncan (the late), Westbourne, Otley	5	5	0
Messrs. W. Doxford & Sons, Ltd., Pallion, Sunderland	5	5	0
Messrs. Joshua Hoyle & Sons, Ltd., Bacup	5	5	0
Miss Hignett, Bankfield House, West Derby, Liverpool	5	5	0
Lady Hill, Wellwood, Bradford	5	5	0
Mrs. Greenwood, Glen View, Todmorden	5	5	0
Mr. Samuel Lamb, Denzell, Altrincham	5	5	0
Mr. John E. Larking, Clovelly, Waterloo Road, Southport ...	5	5	0
Messrs. Lewis, Ltd., Liverpool...	5	5	0
Mr. Frederick Priestman, Pierremont, Manningham	5	5	0
Messrs. John Priestman & Co., Ltd., Ashfield Mills, Bradford ...	5	5	0
Messrs. George Robinson & Co., Ltd., 109, Princess Street, Manchester	5	5	0

The Royal Albert Farm: Stacking Hay

Gathering Potatoes on the Farm

	£	s.	d.
Rochdale Board of Guardians	5	5	0
Sedgefield Board of Guardians...	5	5	0
Messrs. John Shaw & Sons, Brookroyd Mills, Halifax	5	5	0
Miss Sherson, Woodcroft, Windermere	5	5	0
Mr. Joseph Torbock, Crossrigg Hall, Appleby	5	5	0
Trustees of Dean Barwick's Charity, Kendal	5	5	0
Mr. Samuel Turner, Springbank, Rochdale	5	5	0
Miss Webb, West Bank, Bury:			
Proceeds of Police Sports	5	5	0

CO-OPERATIVE, INDUSTRIAL AND FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.

	£	s.	d.
Co-operative Wholesale Society, Manchester	21	0	0
Crewe Co-operative Friendly Society	12	12	0
Gateshead Industrial Co-operative Society	10	10	0
Rochdale Equitable Pioneers' Society...	10	10	0
Brighouse District Industrial Society	5	5	0
Bury District Co-operative Society	5	5	0
Dewsbury Industrial Pioneers' Society	5	5	0
Great and Little Bolton Co-operative Society	5	5	0
Huddersfield Industrial Society	5	5	0
Jarrow and Hebburn Co-operative Society	5	5	0
Lancaster District Co-operative Society	5	5	0
Manchester and Salford Equitable Co-operative Society	5	5	0
Oldham Equitable Co-operative Society	5	5	0
Rochdale Provident Co-operative Society	5	5	0
Stockport Industrial and Equitable Co-operative Society	5	5	0
Cleator Moor Co-operative Society	3	3	0
Eccles Provident Co-operative Society	3	3	0
Great Harwood Co-operative Society	3	3	0
Hebden Bridge Co-operative Society	3	3	0
Newcastle Co-operative Society	3	3	0
South End Co-operative Society, Carlisle	3	3	0
St. Helens Co-operative Society	3	3	0
Todmorden Co-operative Society	3	3	0
Smaller amounts	56	13	0
	£194	4	0

NEW CONTRIBUTIONS, 1924—25.

DONATIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Mr. C. F. Clark, Short Acres, Moor Allerton, Leeds	52	10	0
Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Lawson, 14, Hampton Road, Blackpool ...	20	0	0
Mr. W. Theodore Carr, Greystead, Carlisle	10	10	0
Messrs. A. Priest & Sons, Albert Street, Huddersfield	10	10	0
Mrs. E. P. Nichols, Greenbank, Grasmere	10	0	0
Mrs. Clarence D. Smith, Loughbrow, Hexham	10	0	0
Miss Emily Barnes, 7, Carlton Gardens, Stanwix	5	5	0
Miss Hignett, Bankfield House, West Derby, Liverpool	5	5	0
Mr. Herbert Moser, Mayor of Kendal, Town Hall, Kendal ...	5	5	0
Dr. W. A. Fitzgerald, 37, Curzon Park, Chester	5	5	0

	£	s.	d.
Miss Ethel Winward, 2, Albert Villas, Prince Alfred Street, Wavertree, Liverpool	5	0	0
Proceeds of Sale of Work at Warrington, per Mrs. Johnson, Hon. Sec.	3	10	0
Messrs. Eccles, Alexander & Co., Liverpool...	2	2	0
Miss Stella Reed, 7, Oakhurst Terrace, Benton	2	2	0
Mrs. E. Green, 19, Lord Street, Southport	2	0	0
Smaller amounts	16	4	0

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Colonel C. H. Tetley, Kirkman Bank, Knaresborough	10	0	0
Mrs. R. Trail, Hawthorn Gardens, Monkseaton	5	0	0
Todmorden Board of Guardians	3	3	0
Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, 2, Cargil Terrace, Trinity, Edinburgh ...	3	0	0
G. F. B., Brighouse	2	2	0
Alderman Joseph Berry, Mayor of Huddersfield	2	2	0
Mr. T. Brooke, Healey House, Huddersfield	2	2	0
Mr. W. Theodore Carr, Greystead, Carlisle	2	2	0
Mr. Larking, 18, Waterloo Road, Birkdale...	2	2	0
Liverpool Printing and Stationery Co., Ltd., Liverpool	2	2	0
Mr. Fred Lye, Spring Mount, Rochdale	2	2	0
Mr. C. D. Machell, Parkside, Potternewton...	2	2	0
Mr. Frank C. Wilson, 5, Fulwood Park, Liverpool...	2	2	0
Mr. J. A. Woolven, Victoria Street, Huddersfield	2	2	0
Mrs. Rimmer, Arrow Hall, Woodchurch	2	0	0
Councillor R. Turner, Denehurst, Rochdale	2	0	0
Under £2 0s. 0d. : 26 at £1 1s. 0d. each	27	6	0
3 at £1 0s. 0d each	3	0	0
34 at 10s. 6d. each	17	17	0
32 at 10s. 0d. each	16	0	0
Smaller amounts	58	6	6

SPECIAL ROCHDALE CONTRIBUTIONS, 1924—25.

DONATIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Lye, Spring Mount...	1000	0	0
Mrs. Greenwood, Glen View, Todmorden	25	0	0
Messrs. S. O'Neill & Sons, per Mr. A. G. O'Neill, Linden Mill ...	10	0	0
Mr. A. G. O'Neill, Marland Grange	5	0	0
Mrs. Smalley, The Limes, Castleton	5	0	0
Messrs. J. H. Cunliffe & Co., Ltd., Bankside Mills	3	3	0
Trinity Presbyterian Sunday School, per Miss E. Schofield, 30, Brunswick Street	2	12	2
Messrs. D. Bridge & Co., Ltd., Castleton	2	2	0
Messrs. Chas. Whitaker, Ltd., Spotland Bridge Old Mill	2	2	0
Mr. Joseph Hanson, Grove House	1	1	0
Mr. R. Heape, Healey Hall	1	1	0
Dr. S. T. Lord, Leckthwaite, Sudden...	1	1	0
Mrs. C. J. Robinson, Mayfield, Heywood	1	1	0
Rochdale & Manor Brewery Co., Ltd.	1	1	0
Messrs. Whipp & Bourne, Castleton	1	1	0
Mr. O. Cunliffe, 25, Bury Road, Bamford	1	0	0
Dr. James Melvin, Bury Road, Bamford	1	0	0
Mr. John Power, Drake Street	1	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Mr. and Mrs. R. Crabtree, Rosegarth, 74, Bury Road	0	10	6
Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Pickles, 26, William Street	0	10	6
Mrs. Fred Heap, Beightons	0	10	0
Messrs. Highams, Ltd., Sudden	0	10	0
Miss Wilson, 24, East Street	0	10	0
Mrs. Hugo Radcliffe, Spring Hill, Buersill	0	5	0
Mr. S. J. Tattersall, Lake Bank, Littleborough	0	2	6
Mrs. C. Turner, Falinge Corner	0	2	6

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Turner Brothers Asbestos Co., Ltd., Spotland	5	0	0
Mr. H. R. Turner, Thrum Hall	5	0	0
Messrs. J. H. Cunliffe & Co., Ltd., Bankside Mills...	2	2	0
Mr. J. Deveney, West View, 149, Manchester Road	2	2	0
Councillor W. J. G. Hardman, 529, Oldham Road...	2	2	0
Mr. Samuel Heap, Caldershaw...	2	2	0
Mr. A. J. Law, Honresfeld, Littleborough	2	2	0
Rochdale Co-operative Manufacturing Society	2	2	0
Mr. Samuel Tweedale, Santridge, Castleton	2	2	0
Messrs. J. & G. Walker, Ltd., Larkfield Mills	2	2	0
Messrs. W. H. Ashworth & Son, Ltd., Deeplish	1	1	0
Mr. John F. Bolton, 92, Tweedale Street	1	1	0
Councillor Jas. Caladine, Wellington Terrace, Drake Street ...	1	1	0
Mr. J. T. Crossley, 48, Bruce Street, Sudden	1	1	0
Mr. Enoch Dawson, 51, Falinge Road	1	1	0
Mr. Wm. Duckworth, 212, Drake Street	1	1	0
Mr. A. Fletcher, 6, Park Road, West Kirby, Liverpool	1	1	0
Grove Mills, Limited, Lincoln Street	1	1	0
Mr. Jas. A. Habbeshaw, Manchester Road	1	1	0
Councillor John Hanson, Crimble Cottage, Bamford	1	1	0
Mr. T. V. Hoyle, Parkfield, Milnrow Road	1	1	0
Mr. Chas. Holt, Morredge, Manchester Road, Sudden	1	1	0
Littleborough Dyeing Co., Littleborough	1	1	0
Mr. Edmund Lord, Oakenrod Mount, Bury Road	1	1	0
Mr. Samuel Mills, 161, Edenfield Road	1	1	0
Messrs. Thos. Mills & Sons, Primrose Mills	1	1	0
Mr. Samuel Milne, Dunsterlea...	1	1	0
Mrs. C. J. Robinson, Mayfield, Heywood	1	1	0
Mr. Walter Scott, Highfield, Manchester Road	1	1	0
Messrs. Wm. Shepherd & Sons, Ltd., Milkstone	1	1	0
Mr. J. H. Stott, Oakenrod Hill...	1	1	0
Mr. H. Tattersall, Rochdale	1	1	0
Mr. James Tattersall, Stubley Hall, Littleborough	1	1	0
Mr. Edward Taylor, Breeze Hill, Littleborough	1	1	0
Mr. Edward L. Taylor, Carr Hill, Shawclough	1	1	0
Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Watson, Lydstep, Falinge Road	1	1	0
Mr. F. R. Whitworth, Chislehurst	1	1	0
Mr. R. M. Wild, Harelands, Milkstone Road	1	1	0
Mr. Jas. Buckley, 21, Fenton Street	1	0	0
Mr. Jas. Duckworth, Dunsterville	1	0	0
Mr. A. G. O'Neill, Marland Grange	1	0	0
Mr. J. E. Tweedale, Barcroft, Marland	1	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. R. Crabtree, Rosegarth, 74, Bury Road	0	10	6
Mr. Wm. Crossley, Junr., Prospect House, Mitchell Street ...	0	10	6
Messrs. J. Duckworth, Ltd., Rochdale	0	10	6

	£	s.	d.
Mr. James Hardman, 109, Yorkshire Street	0	10	6
Mr. T. Arthur Pearson, Aysgarth, Manchester Road	0	10	6
Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Pickles, 26, William Street	0	10	6
Mrs. Percy Ogden, Hill Crest, Spotland	0	10	0
Mr. H. Tattersall, Spotland Bridge	0	10	0
Mrs. and Miss Turner, St. Albans Street	0	7	6
Miss Butterworth, Glendale, Falinge Road	0	5	0
Mrs. Clement Coomer, Sheriff Street Road	0	5	0
Mrs. C. H. Fearns, Drake Street	0	5	0
Mrs. Latham, 251, Manchester Road	0	5	0
Mrs. R. M. Ormerod, Arncliffe	0	5	0
Miss Scott, Clover Cottage, Falinge Road	0	5	0

EXTRACTS FROM SPEECHES.

Public Meeting at Rochdale, October 23rd, 1925.

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS.

In his address as Chairman, the Mayor of Rochdale (Ald. E. Thomas) tendered a cordial welcome to the visitors, including Lord Richard Cavendish and other members of the Central Committee. Rochdale was honoured by the acceptance of the invitation to hold the annual meeting in the town, which was associated with the movement for the establishment of the Institution more than sixty years ago, and they took a pride in the noble work it had been carrying on so successfully ever since its foundation. It was truly an educational Institution, and its beneficent work was worthy of all support. He was glad to know that Rochdale had done its part in that respect, and he felt sure the town would continue to help not only by finding money but also by giving men who would still take a deep interest in the work of the Royal Albert. He felt proud to be on the same platform as Ald. J. R. Heape, who had worked so many years for such a beneficent Institution.

LORD RICHARD CAVENDISH'S REVIEW.

The Right Hon. Lord Richard Cavendish (Chairman of the Central Committee), in reviewing the progress and requirements of the Institution, said that he and his colleagues had pleasure in revisiting their Rochdale friends after an interval of fourteen years, and were glad of that opportunity of expressing their gratitude for the generous way in which Rochdale had supported the Institution during the past sixty years. At a meeting held there in 1866, two years before the foundation-stone was laid, the handsome sum of £1,500 was contributed, and Rochdale had ever since subscribed most liberally. He particularly desired to acknowledge the very valuable assistance rendered by Ald. J. R. Heape (Chairman of the Rochdale Committee), who had for 29 years served as a Rochdale representative on the Central Committee, and also by Mrs. Heape, who helped to found the Rochdale Ladies' Association in 1886. Ald. Heape was ably assisted by Mr. Samuel Turner (Vice-Chairman of the Rochdale Committee), and by their old friend, Mr. R. A. Leach, who as Hon. Secretary had beaten Ald. Heape's record by just one year, whilst in Councillor Wm. Crossley the Local Committee had a most energetic and successful Treasurer.

NEED OF INSTITUTIONAL ACCOMMODATION.

In commending any Institution for continued and increased support, it was necessary to satisfy the charitable public on two points. Firstly, is there urgent need for such an Institution? Secondly, assuming that to be the case, is the management of the Institution such as to warrant their support? The public conscience during recent years had been greatly stirred with regard to the question of responsibility for the feeble-minded, and this awakened interest left no doubt as to the need for institutional treatment such as the Royal Albert afforded. This need was in no way diminished but rather increased by Government enactments during recent years. Though much had been done towards coping with this difficulty, he could say with absolute certainty that not for very many years, if ever, would it be possible to diminish in any way the activities of their Institution, since the Royal Albert supplied a public need which could not be met in any other way. Legislation might give increased powers for dealing with the mentally deficient, but without disparagement to Boards of Guardians he was quite convinced that they could not, in disused workhouses, give treatment equivalent to that which the Royal Albert afforded to its inmates. It could not be too strongly emphasised that the Institution was not a mere place of detention. First and foremost it was a charitable Institution, but it was also a remedial and educational establishment for the training and betterment of the improvable feeble-minded. That was the object of the original founders, and it was along those lines that the present Committee intended to carry on the work. Notwithstanding other sources of income, the chief basis of the Institution was a charitable one, and unless the charitable efforts of the public were maintained the work must necessarily suffer.

MANAGEMENT OF THE INSTITUTION.

With regard to the question of management, the Royal Albert was subject to frequent visitation and inspection, and the official reports of the Commissioners of the Board of Control contained very flattering references to its work. Visits were also paid by the representatives of other Public Authorities, and this close supervision would at once draw attention to any matters requiring consideration. The Central Committee welcomed publicity, and he cordially invited those present to see for themselves what was being done.

AIMS AND NEEDS OF THE INSTITUTION.

It was recognised that they could do more in these cases by kindness and love than by disciplinary action. That was the keynote of the whole system of the Royal Albert Institution. The underlying idea was that their inmates were improvable and that nothing should be left undone in that direction, and they tried to do a great deal in the way of teaching and training, besides providing useful occupation and suitable amusement. These things cost money, but it was by no means ill-spent. The Medical Superintendent (Dr. Coupland), assisted by Dr. Henderson and Dr. Appleyard, took the greatest care and trouble to keep down expenditure, and their Secretary (Mr. Keir) and all concerned in the management were much alive to the strict necessity of carrying on the business in an economical manner. Anything subscribed would go to help some needy patient, and he wished to say once more how great the need really was. As the result of recent legislation on behalf of the mentally deficient, cases, often of the saddest nature, were continually being discovered, in which the only chance for the child was treatment such as the Royal Albert provided, and they might rest satisfied that there were no limits to the opportunities for the expansion of its work.

ROCHDALE SUPPORT.

Ald. J. R. Heape (Chairman of the Rochdale Committee), moving a resolution in support of the Institution's work, said that Lord Richard Cavendish had satisfied them that the Royal Albert continued to carry on, as successfully as heretofore, the splendid philanthropic work in which it had been engaged for over sixty years. His appeal for continued generous support could not fail to touch the hearts of all, and would, he believed, meet with an adequate response. These were difficult times, but their difficulties were not so great that they need allow such a beneficent enterprise to be crippled in any way for want of funds. He wished to emphasise the Institution's claim for increased support. Many charities were called into existence to supply a more or less temporary need and then gave way to others, but that was not the case with the Royal Albert, which dealt with a great natural problem—the feeble-minded members of the community. Only a small proportion were receiving the treatment which they should have to make the best of their condition. A considerable percentage of the inmates of workhouses, reformatories, maternity homes and prisons were feeble-minded. How to deal with adults was an insoluble problem; it was much easier to deal with those who had not reached adolescence.

TRAINING AND OCCUPATION.

The Institution dealt with improvable cases which would otherwise lack attention and training, and a certain percentage were benefited and returned to their homes able to do something towards earning a livelihood. Others were improved in their habits, and thus became less burdensome to their parents. For those capable of receiving it, training was given in a dozen industries. The farm and garden offered suitable employment for those fitted for work of that kind, whilst the girls were trained in a variety of household occupations. The inmates had such pleasures as they were able to enjoy, and all this played an important part in their training, and surrounded them with an atmosphere of contentment and happiness.

BENEFITS CONFERRED.

The work in which the Institution was engaged contained a threefold benefit. Firstly, the life of the individual was rendered as useful as possible; secondly, the home from which the child came and which was overshadowed by its care was greatly and often permanently relieved; and, thirdly, a contribution was made to the solution of a national problem. Founded in 1864, the Institution had had a most successful career, and it now sheltered more than 800 feeble-minded inmates in buildings situated upon an estate of nearly 280 acres. No fewer than 4,286 patients had so far been dealt with, 2,276 of these inmates, or over 53 per cent., being cases elected by the subscribers. Even this did not represent the total amount of the Institution's charitable work. Many of the remaining cases were those of patients whose relatives or friends could not pay the full maintenance charge, and who were consequently received at reduced rates. These facts would help them to realise what was being done on behalf of those whom they profoundly pitied and desired to help.

A PERSONAL IMPRESSION.

Mr. Samuel Turner (Vice-Chairman of the Rochdale Committee), in seconding the resolution, said that last year he and the Treasurer of the Rochdale Committee visited the Institution. They made up their minds that they would look at it with a critical eye, and what they saw corroborated all that Lord Richard Cavendish had said in its favour. It was a magnificent

Institution, conducted with sympathy, understanding and efficiency, and that was rather a rare combination. They were much impressed by the extraordinary kindness of the staff and by the apparent comfort and contentment of the inmates. They left with a feeling of great satisfaction—tinctured with sorrow—that this splendid work was so ably and efficiently conducted at the Royal Albert. He hoped that as the result of that effort Rochdale's support might not only be continued but increased.

A HOME FROM HOME.

The Ven. ARCHDEACON SALE (Vicar of Rochdale), speaking in support of the resolution, said that one thing brought out by the speeches was the difficulty of finding these feeble-minded children. Often it was by no means easy to persuade parents to allow their children to go into Institutions like the Royal Albert, and this reluctance was a feeling with which one had much sympathy. Because the Institution was such a wonderful place, he thought it would be an excellent thing for as many as possible to visit it in order that they might see for themselves that the Royal Albert was really a home from home. He liked to think of the Institution as a haven of rest for those unable to contend with the waves of a troubled world.

RESULT OF SPECIAL APPEAL.

Councillor WM. CROSSLEY (Treasurer of the Rochdale Committee), in announcing the result of the special appeal promoted in connection with the meeting, said that he had received £66 in new annual subscriptions and £1,067 in donations. The donations included a munificent contribution of £1,000 from Mr, and Mrs. Frederick Lye, of Rochdale, and also £25 from Mrs. Greenwood, of Todmorden, who had for many years been a most successful lady collector, He was sure that more would come in after that meeting. They valued very much the help given by the members of the Rochdale and other Ladies' Associations in the seven associated counties. The value of their assistance could be estimated from the fact that since the first of these organisations was established in 1875 the ladies had collected the splendid total of £115,000. This included over £20,000 obtained by the members of the Manchester and South Lancashire Association, Rochdale's share of this total being £3,675,

VOTES OF THANKS.

The resolution acknowledging the valuable services of the ladies, moved by Councillor CROSSLEY, was seconded by Sir NORVAL HELME (Lancaster) and passed unanimously; and the Chairman and members of the Rochdale Committee were also cordially thanked upon the motion of Mr. HAROLD CARR (Carlisle) and Mr. H. TRAVIS CLAY (Brighouse). Votes of thanks to Lord RICHARD CAVENDISH and the other speakers, to Ald. J. R. HEAPE for his services and hospitality, and to the MAYOR for presiding and for the use of the rooms, brought the formal proceedings to a close.

PRESENT STAFF: LONG-SERVICE MEDALLISTS.

GOLD MEDALS.

Dr. G. E. Shuttleworth, Medical Superintendent and Honorary Consulting Physician	1870
Geo. Parsons, Master Shoemaker	†1871
Worthy Parsons, Shoemaker ...	1875
Edward B. Shaw, Accountant ...	1880
Elizabeth Atkinson, Charge Nurse	1881
Jane Irwin, Nurse	1882

Frederick Varey, Head Gardener †1883
Albert Macdonald, Steward ... 1883
Andrew Yule, Attendant *1880
Benjamin Vere, Schoolmaster ... 1885
Alfred Thomas Gallaway, Teacher 1887
Elizabeth Hayton, Nurse 1887
Arthur Ernest Sutcliffe, Assistant Storekeeper 1887
Elizabeth Metcalfe, Assistant Matron 1888
Edward Knowles, Estate Workman 1889
Jas. McWhinnie, Surgery Att. ... †1889
William Parkinson, Gardener ... 1889
Tom Bell, Tailor *1887
Thomas Jackson, Stoker 1890
Charles B. Bennett, Shoemaker 1891
Benjamin Owen, Clerk 1891
Thomas T. Goad, Brushmaker ... 1891
William Arkwright, Gardener ... 1891
Mrs. M. J. Wearing, Charge Nurse *1889
Joseph Wilson, Joiner... 1894
Joseph Smith, Plumber 1897
Dr. W. H. Coupland, Medical Superintendent... 1897
Samuel Keir, Secretary 1898
Edmund W. Bradford, Attendant *1895
Fredk. W. Leach, Clerk of Works 1901
Agnes Forrest, Wardrobe Keeper 1902
Alice Siviour, Matron... 1902
William Physick, Attendant ... 1902
Sarah Dunbar, Nurse... 1904
Marie L. E. Campbell, Brunton House Matron 1906
Harold A. Berry, Farm Man ... 1907
Frank Bullock, Attendant 1908
Harry Wild, Printer 1908

SILVER MEDALS.

Charles Kittson, Attendant ... *1888
Maggie Rawes, Nurse... ... ... *1906
Richard Yates, Attendant *1908
Christopher Altham, Butcher ... 1909
Martha Lindley, Cook... 1910
John Templeton, Charge Att. ... 1910
William E. Gunson, Stores Clerk 1911
Robert C. Swarbrick, Attendant 1911
Robert F. Davidson, Painter ... 1911
Mrs. E. Simpson, Laundress ... 1912
Mrs. Winifred Templeton, Charge Nurse 1912
Thos. Fredk. Hully, Charge Att. 1912
Mrs. Martha Hully, Charge Nurse 1912
Orlando Meadows, Attendant ... 1912
John J. Taylor, Dynamo Man ... 1912
Robert Bland, Labourer 1913
Mary Hartley, Nurse-Matron ... 1913

BRONZE MEDALS.

Amy Lavinia Morge, Nurse ... *1913
Beatrice Hodgson, Laundress ... *1912
William Wilson, Joiner 1914
Joseph H. Towers, Attendant ... 1914
Walter Hodgson, Attendant ... 1914
Wm. Geo. Heaton, Labourer ... 1914
John Brockbank, Attendant ... *1910
Frank Brown, Attendant 1915
John Cragg, Attendant 1915
Ellen M. Seekins, Upholstress ... 1915
Mrs. Edith B. Pearson, Laundress *1912
Winifred Bilsborough, Nurse ... *1915
Helena Taylor, Tailoress *1910
Mrs. Sarah C. Lucas, Nurse ... 1916
Elizabeth Scott, Clerk... 1916
William Foster, Stoker 1916
Mrs. Florence A. Coles, Teacher 1916
Annie Annandale, Clerk 1916
Matthew Arkwright, Baker ... 1916
James R. Wilson, Attendant ... 1916
Mary J. Johnson, Nurse 1916
William Lambert, Farm Man ... 1916
Mrs. M. Morrison, Laundress ... 1916
William J. Stimson, Attendant ... *1915
Mabel A. Sergeant, Clerk 1917
Nellie Choake, Teacher 1917
Irene B. Thomson, District Organiser 1917
Agnes M. Valentine, Industrial Instructor 1917
Mrs. Jessie L. Cooke, Teacher... 1917
Rose H. Porteus, Nurse 1917
Robert Bowker, Attendant ... 1918
Mrs. A. Elizabeth Barnes, Nurse 1918
George Perkin, Deputy Chief Attendant 1918
Thomas Walker, Garden Att. ... 1918
Alice Mount, Teacher... 1918
Alice Connor, Nurse 1918
Nora Wilson, Nurse 1918
Dorothy Metcalf, Nurse 1918

* Two periods of service included. † Retired.

THE CAVENDISH RECEPTION HOUSE (1925)
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INFIRMARY VERANDAH: "LISTENING-IN"